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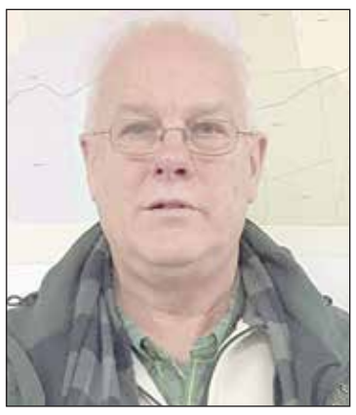
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Ware Selectman John Carroll has served for three terms, or nine years, and has chosen not to run for re-election this year.

Carroll enjoyed serving town

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – John Carroll has served the town as selectman for three terms, a total of nine years, and although he has enjoyed serving the town, he has decided not to seek re-election this year.

"I've liked putting my two cents in and getting to vote on a variety of matters," Carroll said in a recent interview. "

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His job working for a company that relocated those in the military has changed a bit recently, and it means more travel with him, occasionally preventing him from attending meetings due last minute requests he travel to help other offices around the country.

He and his wife, Cheryl, want to spend more time with their grandchildren, who are spread around the country in California, Nevada and Florida.

Carroll said he always spent time looking into the variety of issues, large and small, which come before the board.

While there is no one project he points to with pride, he is proud of staying on top of issues, looking into things on his own and bringing that information to the board and to use as he made his own decisions. "I like to develop my own opinion," he said.

" I learn something new at every meeting," he said. Also, many issues are tied together; if one step is taken it often affects something else. He pointed to the recent work on trying to fix parking and navigation on some of the town's downtown streets, such as High and Pulaski. The

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Two new Eagles take flight

By Karen A. Lewis
Correspondent

WARE – Like two peas in a pod, it was fitting that close friends Ryan Donnelly and Thomas Moran shared the stage to receive the highest award scouting has to offer last Saturday afternoon when both earned their Eagle Scout Rank at the Troop 281 Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

"I thought the ceremony was extremely meaningful for me and Ryan because we worked so hard to earn this rank," said Moran. "To me, scouting is all about giving back to your community and helping people out, and it's not just about earning the rank of Eagle, it's about the experiences and having appreciation for who helped you along the way."

Held in the auditorium of Ware High School, an audience of over 100 were able to catch a glimpse of the journey Moran and Donnelly took to get to Eagle through a moving slide show of their scouting activities over the years.

"I was very nervous because it was such a big thing," Donnelly said about the Court of Honor event. "Scouting is a way for me to show others how much of a leader I can and will be. My original plan was not to get Eagle, but as the years went on, it seemed like a goal to obtain."

Ware Troop 181 Scoutmaster Dan Flynn had plenty of complimentary things to share about the two scouts: Donnelly who he had known for over seven years and Moran for two, as he transferred into the Ware troop from West Brookfield.

"Ryan is one of the most honest people I've ever met and has grown immensely through scouting," shared Flynn. "Tommy sees the best in everything – he's always positive and is a natural leader."

Donnelly, a junior at Ware High School and Moran, a junior at



Turley Publications correspondent photo by Karen A. Lewis

Eagle Scouts Tommy Moran (left) and Ryan Donnelly participate in the ceremony as the Eagle Scout charge was read.

Tantasqua Regional High School, invested countless hours and years in the scouting program, beginning with Cub Scouts and moving up through the ranks of Boy Scouts.

Each seemed to find their niche in scouts – Donnelly who pursued National Youth Leadership Training, which eventually led him to a spot on staff for NYLT during 2018 and 2019 at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation in Rutland, along with a spot on the staff of Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation in Russell, from 2018 to 2019.

Moran volunteered several of his summers at Camp SOAR, teaching campers and volunteers to succeed, overcome, achieve and be respectful in their lives, as well as being accepted into the Order of the Arrow, a highly-regarded brotherhood and an important piece of scouting.

But it was on a 12-day scouting trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, where the two young men developed a lifelong bond and friendship, after being tent mates for a dozen days.

"My time at Philmont will never be forgotten as it was the coolest camping trip I had ever went on," stated Moran.

"Philmont was a two-week hiking trip where we hiked with eight days worth of food on our backs, plus our gear and crew gear," added Donnelly. "It was over 150 miles that we hiked. That trip memory will stick out for me."

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Multi-town chase ends in crash

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – After attempts to pull over a driver in Auburn, Palmer, Ware and West Brookfield were unsuccessful, the pursuit ended in an accident on Route 9.

The driver, Edward Smith, 56, whose last known address was 44 Roosevelt Drive in Southbridge, got into an accident and was air lifted from the scene on Wednesday, Feb. 5, according to West Brookfield Police Chief Thomas O'Donnell.

Smith began to speed in Auburn, which became a concern for police, who attempted to stop him. After he went onto the Massachusetts Turnpike, State Police began pursuit, but also backed off, according to O'Donnell.

When Smith exited the interstate, he drove through Palmer at the same rates of speed and drove into Ware.

O'Donnell said Ware Police attempted to spike strips but were unsuccessful, and also called off the pursuit.

When Smith travelled into West Brookfield, he passed a West Brookfield officer on Route 9 by Northeast Pizza, where the officer began a pursuit as well.

"As he was driving around the corner (near Brookfield Wire) he lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the guardrail. He travelled down the guardrail about 100 feet, and struck a pole with active wires," O'Donnell said. "We called in National Grid because the pole

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Community Coalition tackles challenges

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – The annual meeting of elected officials and Quaboag Hills Community Coalition touched on an array of topics Monday, including a lack of public transportation, the coming census, aid formulas for providing senior citizen services, a lack of mental health services for children and the need for a regional peer recovery center.

Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan and state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, attended and spoke at the event.

Perhaps the most poignant moment was when JAC Patrissi, a QHCC board member, read an anonymous letter from a mother who was sitting with her mentally 9-year-old son in an emergency room. She shared her heartbreak and frustration in the letter and asked Patrissi to read it aloud at the meeting.

"This letter comes to you from Baystate Medical Center's pediatric emergency department, at 4:30 this morning," it read. "I'm here with my son, a sweet, intelligent, goofy kid who had to be restrained last night by five police officers after punching me an Id tearing out a fistful of my hair. He's having a



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Left, State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, and Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan, center, are introduced by Quaboag Hills Community Coalition Coordinator Gail Gramarrosa, right, at Monday's QHCC meeting at Baystate Mary Lane in Ware.

mental health crisis, and I've been trying to get him the care he so desperately wants and needs.

She went on to say he was not violent at school and gets good grades, and the school has told her they can't provide more than their special education services because he is not violent there.

"I'd like to thank you for the work you've already done to help kids like mine get the services they need," she wrote."But my son's story is evidence that this work is far from over. He tells me that he wants to stay here at the hospital because it's hopeless and he's just going to keep getting worse if he goes home. He's escalating rapidly, and I worry about what will happen when he's older and bigger, about

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Schools receives grant to support STEM career learning

WARE – Ware Public Schools announced it has received grant funds from the One8 Foundation and the Baker-Polito Administration to offer an expanded curricular program from Project Lead The Way that will better prepare students for career success.

PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for pre-kindergarten through 12th-grae students and teachers through pathways in computer science, engineering and biomedical science. Ware Public Schools joins more than 12,200 schools across the country offering PLTW programs to millions of students.

"We need to give students the skills to be successful in a rapidly changing world where tomorrow's opportunities and challenges haven't even been considered yet," Ware School Superintendent Dr. Marlene A. DiLeo said. "Through this partnership with PLTW we will be able to provide hands-on learning experiences in the STEAM field to students in grades K-12."

Ware Public Schools is just one of 82 schools across the commonwealth to receive the grant, which is supported by the administration of Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, the One8 Foundation and Mass STEM Hub.

"Our administration is committed to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps in STEM fields for students across the commonwealth," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Partnerships with organizations like Project Lead the Way allow us to provide children with opportunities to learn hands-on, real-world STEM skills and put them on a pathway to success in the classroom and beyond."

Ware Public Schools will use grant funds to start its PLTW program with PLTW Launch, Gateway, Computer Science, and Engineering. Funds from the grant will also support teacher professional development and the purchase of materials and equipment that will be used in the hands-on applied learning courses.

"We are proud to partner with Ware Public Schools to empower

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SHARING ART Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area's favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art. Bring a sweetheart and join ArtWorks for a special Valentine-themed artists' reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The artists' work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to workshop13.org/gallery, call 413-277-6069 or email artworks@workshop13.org.

TURKEY DINNER The United Church of Ware, on Church Street, will hold a turkey dinner on Monday, Feb. 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Take-out meals will be available from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The dinner will off turkey and all the fixins' including potatoes, stuffing, a vegetable, roll, coffee, tea and dessert. The cost is $12 per person and children under10 free. Credit cards are accepted. For more information call the church at 413-967-9981.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Trinity Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will hold a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the church.There will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and homemade desserts. A donation of $12 for adults, $10 for seniors over 65, and free for children 5 and under. Eat in or take out. Please call 413-967-6100 for more information and to make reservations. Bring family, friends and neighbors for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal cooked by members of the parish. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the parish.

POLISH PLATE PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held at St. Mary's Church in Ware on Saturday, Feb. 22, in the church hall. Price is $15 and includes a gołombek, pierogi, kapusta, kielbasa, rye bread, coffee, tea and dessert. There will be a cash bar with beer and wine, gift baskets, gift cards and a 50/50 raffle. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at all weekend masses at both St. Mary's and All Saints churches Feb. 15 and 16, or by calling Diane at 413-967-5207, Stan at 413-967-3962 or Sylvia at 413-436-9268. No tickets will be sold the day of the event. A limited amount of "take-out dinner" tickets will be sold and the dinners can be picked up between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Snow date for the dinner is Sunday, Feb. 23, at noon.

Are You Old News?



Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.



Lynn St. George and "Eva" correctly identified the are you old news photo last week, which originally ran in the March 14, 1991 edition of the Ware River News. Cindy Moulton St. George and her son, Brian Russell, were representing Moulton Insurance Agency at the Showcasing Quaboag Valley Business event.

This week's photo originally ran in the March 28, 1991 edition of the Ware River News. If you recognize any of the folks in this week's photo send your answer to ekennedy@turley.com.

MARDI GRAS MADNESS Featuring the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at Workshop 13, 13 Church St. in Ware. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. Come join the band and ignore winter for a while. Adult beverages, soft drinks and water will be available for purchase.Grab a drink and listen to some hot Big Band jazz. It's a chance to spice it up before Lent. Seating is limited to 90 so come early for choice seating.

ONGOING activities

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP Were you in a relationship you felt was destructive?

Are you in one now? Not sure? Come talk with us about this and more in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere. Come to The Healing Alliance Support Group for women questioning the health of their relationships on Domestic Violence Support Group at the Ware Learning Center, 23 West Main St, in Ware, on Thursdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free child care is provided. For more information please contact Pat James at 413-726-8661.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can sign up for the checkers tournament, enjoy lots of games, coloring or Legos. This program is made possible by a cultural council grant.

WARE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, Circle 106 has temporarily changed its meeting place. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings will be at the home of Carol DeSantis, 307 Belchertown Road, Ware, the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Notify Charlene at 413-813-8557 whether you are able to attend.

TEA, TREATS AND TALK are what Tea Party Thursdays are all about at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. There are so many delightful people to meet. Come make new friends, meet old acquaintances and share conversation. Just come for tea (or coffee) or come propose a new activity. Meet at the Paige on Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a knitting and crochet club meeting every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come no matter their level of experience. Come and learn, lessons are given from 3 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

HOMEMADE MEAL DELIVERY All Saints Church is starting a hot homemade meal delivery for anyone in Ware called Take and Eat, which will be available on the first Saturday of each month. The church would like to know of anyone, yourselves included, who would benefit for getting a hot homemade meal once a month. There is no charge for the meal and there are no qualifications in getting the meal. Just asking for it is enough. Please call the rectory office at 413-967-4963 and give the name and address of the person or persons who would like to receive the meal. The program is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, "I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me."

WARE FUEL BANK The Ware Fuel Bank has once again received generous donations from local businesses and has funds to help Ware residents who are facing interruption of utility service during the heating season. The only requirement is being a Ware resident with proof of low-income status or a financial crisis. The United Church of Ware administers this program. Those who need help or those wanting more information should call the church at 413-967-9981.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT Ware Community Theatre is seeking new members. It is a nonprofit organization interested in enhancing Ware's culture by producing live performance plays, readings and solo persons of interest that may include musicals, dramas, local and national historical productions and timely events. They meet monthly on the third Monday at Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware at 7 p.m. Please call 413-544-8381 with any questions.

COMMUNITY DINNER STARTS The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road will hold free community dinners on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. All ages are welcome at the dinner.

NARCAN TRAINING The Ware Fire Department and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance are sponsoring free nasal Narcan (Naloxone) trainings on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Narcan or Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an overdose from prescription opioids or heroin. It can be purchased without a prescription at local pharmacies. If you or a loved one uses opioids, it is recommended to have Narcan and know how to use it. The free trainings will be held at the Ware Fire Department at 200 West Street. No appointments or pre-registrations are necessary, and those wishing to get the training can just walk in. For more information, contact Ed Wloch at ewloch@townofware.com or call 413-967-5901.

BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS Residents are invited to join the Ware Community Concert Band. Come and experience the satisfaction of rehearsing and performing in a large accomplished band. The Concert Band rehearses once each week in the Ware High School auditorium on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They perform two full-length concerts each season, one in December and one in June, and also perform at local ceremonies and events. Membership is open to all local and area musicians of all ability levels and all band instruments. The only requirement is a desire to grow musically. Exercise your talents and come join them in making the music. For more information contact John, the conductor, at jshobbs413@charter.net.

KNITTING CIRCLE The Warren Public Library at 934 Main St., in Warren is inviting knitters on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. to join all ages and abilities of knitters at a new, ongoing knitting circle.

Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. Basic instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-UNIT 123 WARE meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Maple Street. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Michele at (413) 544-1996.

BASEBALL BOOK AVAILABLE The Ware Historical Society has added to its collection of the three Ware histories and other books of interest, "Ware Boys of Summer" by Ware native Stephen R. Katz. The stories of seven major league players from out small town is full of history of the game. Call Polli at 413-967-6882 to purchase a copy. The cost is $15.95.

STORY TIME The Young Men's Library Association has story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. located at 37 Main Street in Ware. After the story, there is always a craft. Come meet new friends! All ages welcome. No registration required. The library is wheelchair accessible. Contact Cathy Rezendes at 413-967-9691 for more information.

BOOK CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a meeting of its book club on the last Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ADULT COLORING CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds an adult coloring club meeting on the first, third, fourth and fifth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are held on Thursday nights at Trinity Episcopal Church on Park Street from 8 to 9 p.m., and Sunday nights at Mary Lane Hospital on South Street from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

STORY TIME Warren Public Library holds story time every Tuesday at 11 a.m. All children are invited to come and listen to stories and do a fun craft. The program is geared to 3 to 5-year-olds, but younger and older children are also welcome. For more information call 413-436-7690. The library is located at 934 Main St.

Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic

Canterbury Tails is under new ownership. Dr. Leah Greenberger with her talented and dedicated staff, practice conventional medicine, and emphasize Fear Free techniques to help your pet and you have a better experience. Please call for a tour and more information, or an appointment.



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PAMELA-JEAN'S TAILORING AND MORE OPENS

WARE – Welcome back Pamela-Jean's Tailoring and More! Opening this week in the Ryder Professional Center, 33 East Main St, Ware, she brings her well-known professional tailoring skills back to the community of Ware.

Quaboag Connector receives $50,000 Workforce Transportation Grant awards

BOSTON – At a recent meeting of the MassDOT Board of Directors and Fiscal and Management Control Board, Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack announced $4.2 million in funding for the Baker-Polito administration's Workforce Transportation Grant Program, including $50,000 for the Quaboag Connector, which provides low-cost transportation to Palmer and surrounding Quaboag Hill towns. This grant will make it possible for the Quaboag Connector to expand its hours of operation.

The grants are a result of a recommendation in the Massachusetts Department of Transportation 2019 Congestion Report to encourage employers to create innovative solutions for assisting employees to commute to work by using public transportation or shared transportation. These 23 grants will fund a total of 21 groups, including Regional Transit Authorities, municipalities, Transportation Management Associations, business organizations and others which have demonstrated an intention to shift commuters from single-occupancy vehicles to other modes of transportation to help alleviate roadway congestion and reduce emissions from the transportation sector.

"These Workforce Transportation Grants will allow employers to provide additional commuting options to their employees, increasing access to jobs, alleviating traffic congestion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "Our administration will continue to work with the business community, local leaders and the legislature to support ways to address congestion on the commonwealth's roadways."

"The Administration is pleased to partner with the employer community and local transit agencies to help address traffic congestion," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "These grants will help to ensure that people throughout Massachusetts have the best options for reaching their jobs and other economic opportunities."

"What is needed is more commuting options, more transit, more employer shuttles, more 'first mile, last mile' services to connect people to workplaces and job centers," said Pollack. "This $4.2 million in Workforce Transportation Grants help fund employers providing these options."

The workforce transportation grant funding will be provided for targeted operating assistance, and the implementation of technology improvements that will benefit the transportation of workers. Projects that will result in new services or provide an innovative and sustainable approach to providing workforce transportation are given priority under this program. Eligible applicants include employers, Transportation Management Associations, municipalities and nonprofit organizations.

In August 2019, MassDOT published a "Congestion in the commonwealth" report that is the product of that data-driven analysis, and includes a set of next steps for how to respond to congestion and the challenges that accompany it. The Workforce Transportation Grant Program is a direct result of one of these recommendations.

MassDOT is currently exploring the feasibility of managed lanes and the enhancement of a "shared travel network" in Massachusetts. Additionally, the MassDOT Highway Division is conducting a range of projects to more actively manage our roadway operations to respond to congestion-causing incidents. MassDOT is also in the process of developing bus-on-shoulder pilot projects. At the current time, after comprehensive conversations with municipalities, the MBTA has a total of ten miles of dedicated bus lanes in its bus system, and is anticipating to expanded bus-only lanes by many more miles.

The Baker-Polito Administration has filed an $18 billion Transportation Bond Bill which, in part, would provide funding to encourage and support more transit options state-wide. One section in the bond bill filed last summer authorizes $330 million in capital support for the 15 Regional Transit Authorities to invest in fleets and facilities. The bill also includes a new $50 million Transit Infrastructure Partnership Program which would provide grants to enable transit authorities and municipalities to work together to provide bus lanes, transit signal priority and other infrastructure to keep buses moving.

The Workforce Grants being announced today are for projects selected on a competitive basis. Grant recipients will now be required to enter into a contract with MassDOT to address the project goals.

Ware Senior Center News

activities and menu

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m to 4 p.m. Thrift store open daily from 8 a.m. to noon. Donations accepted during Store hours only.

Monday, Feb. 17
- Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 18
- 9 to 10 a.m. Council on Aging meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 9:30 a.m. Exercise at Valley View
- 10 a.m .Scat
- 10 to 11 a.m. Lucas McDiarmid, District Director for Sen. Anne Gobi
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 to 2 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry Hillside, 17 Convent Hill Rd..
- 1 p.m. Cribbage
- 1 p.m. Chess
- 6 p.m. Pitch, registration at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 19
- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foot nurse
- Sign up at Front Desk
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 10 a.m. Knit-Laugh-Crochet
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch

Thursday, Feb. 20
- 9:30 a.m. Exercise at Valley View
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing, beginners
- 10 a.m. Line dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 Art class
- 5 p.m. Bingo

Friday, Feb. 21
- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Whist
- 6 p.m. Pitch

LUNCHES

Monday, Feb. 17
Closed Presidents Day

Tuesday, Feb. 18
Italian Day
Homemade cheese lasagna
Chef's salad
Dessert

Wednesday, Feb. 19
African American Day
Fried chicken
Candied yams
Corn
Dessert

Thursday, Feb. 20
Irish Day
Irish stew
Cucumber salad
Dessert

Friday, Feb. 21
Jewish Day
Grilled reuben
French fries
Dessert

Democrats to hold caucus

WARE – Democrats in Ware will hold a caucus to elect delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Party's nominating convention. The caucus will be held at the Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. The snow date will take place Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m.

They will elect four delegates, two men and two women to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, where Democrats from across Massachusetts will vote to endorse candidates for statewide office. All registered Democrats in Ware are eligible to participate.

Hardwick residents have a chance to help history

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Town House Advisory Committee, with the support of the Hardwick Select Board, is creating a fundraising project to support the painting of the exterior of the Hardwick Town House. While a very significant number of improvements have been made over the last several years, a quick look at the outside of the building makes it obvious that painting is very much needed if the town is to prevent deterioration of this beautiful, historic building that plays an important role in the community. There are two phases to this program. First, the Advisory Committee is applying for a grant to cover half the cost of the painting. The other half of the cost will have to come from funds raised to cover Committee's share. That's what this request is all about: raising the necessary money to meet our share for the grant.

So far, the THAC has maintained a gift fund under Town auspices. Now the Committee has begun the fundraising effort by asking the public for donations. Committee members have contacted all their known potential donors and now it is time to ask other town residents to support this effort to preserve the Town House. So, all town residents who wish to support this project to protect the town's beautiful, historic building can make a donation to the Town House Gift Account and mail it to: Town of Hardwick ATTN: Lucinda Childs/TownHouse Gift Account, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

Ware nomination papers available

WARE – Town Clerk Nancy Talbot has announced that the last date to obtain and submit nomination papers is Monday, Feb. 24. All incumbents (listed as follows) have been notified of their term expirations.

The following peoples' terms are up:

Board of Selectmen, John Carroll and Tracy Opalinski. Carroll announced at the Jan. 7 selectmen's meeting he will not seek re-election after serving for nine years; School Committee, Aaron Sawabi; Board of Assessors, Theodore Balicki; Board of Health, John Desmond, Park Commissioner, William Imbier; Cemetery Commissioner, Ryan Maslak; Planning Board, Frederick Urban and Ware Housing Authority, Henrietta Devlin.

The following offices will appear on the Annual Town Election Ballot:

Board of Selectmen, three-year terms, two positions open; School Committee, three-year term, one position open; Board of Assessors, three-year-term, one position open; Board of Health three-year term, one position open; Park Commissioner, three-year term, one position open; Cemetery Commissioner, three-year-term, one position open; Planning Board, five-year term, one position open and Ware Housing Authority five-year term, with one position open.

Share the love of art on Feb. 15

WARE – Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area's favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art.

Bring your sweetheart and join us for a special Valentine-themed artists' reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The artists' work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to workshop13.org/gallery, call 413-277-6069 or email artworks@workshop13.org.

Gobi holds coffee, conversation event

PALMER – State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, invites the public for coffee and conversation on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St. For more information please contact District Director Lucas Diarmid at 413-324-3082 or lucas.mcdiarmid@MAsenate.gov.

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board will take up the matter again in March, when it finishes another forum and hears from the police and public works departments on a recommended parking plan for those streets.

"You can create more problems and you don't even realize you're doing that," he said. "It's like throwing a stone into a pond, ripples are created and you have to figure out what they are."

He plans to remain on the Community Development Authority, which holds public hearings on Community Development Block Grant funds and recommending how that money is spent.

Carroll said it's important to attend those meetings because that is where decisions about certain projects are first made.

While he said serving as a selectman has become less fun in many ways, he has received a lot of compliments from residents when he is out and about. "People usually thank me for what I say at meetings," he said. An example is his philosophical disagreement with approving recreational and medicinal marijuana stores despite their economic contribution to the town. "I think it's blood money, but I've always told people that my opposition isn't personal, I just don't think we should be doing it," he said.

His career as a State Trooper, from which he retired a number of years ago, has informed his opinion on legal marijuana as well as a number of other issues.

Carroll also served for more than 25 years on the Parks Commission , five years on the Housing Authority and in the 1980s on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

He has also been active in working with the Quaboag Connector, which offers low-cost rides to low-income residents of the Quaboag Hills for educational, work and other appointments.

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Guest Column

When heart art is everywhere

In February, the heart themes are everywhere. During the early days and remaining weeks of the month the National Heart Association advocates learning about heart health for everyone no matter what their age.

GUEST COLUMNIST



Joan E. B. Coombs

Then, in New England, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day arrives near the middle of the month bringing warmth into typically dark, dreary, wintry days.

February is also the time when classrooms are brightened with red and pink hearts on themed bulletin boards, and in school corridors. It's when brick and mortar merchants decorate aisles with intriguing, lovely household items offering sales that make your heart skip a beat or two. And, it's when grocery stores offer all shapes and sizes of Valentine boxes of cookies, chocolates and magnificent desserts.

Heart art and Valentines appear just about everywhere. Even after February.

Reportedly, "Once upon an almost lifetime ago, because of an overcrowded airline flight, a couple unexpectedly got 'bumped' when returning from a business trip. Surprisingly they qualified for free, round-trip tickets to anywhere in the U.S.A."

They used the free tickets to fly to sunny Florida visiting family and experiencing new, first-hand southern hospitality. On a Sunday morning they visited a nearby church. They met a "Hi Ya'll" visitor hostess who put a bright red, bold-white-lettered heart sticker reading: 'YOU ARE LOVED!!' onto their clothing. Later on in the morning service, all visitors wearing the red-heart stickers were welcomed again.

Further conversations revealed: "After enjoying days visiting family, sun and surf, on their flight home- for sentimental reasons, the wife wanted to savor warm memories and put her 'I LOVE YOU' sticker inside her pocket-sized calendar. But, her husband's sticker was missing."

About a week later, another business appointment brought that couple to a neighboring state, less than a two-hour drive away, to a computer company's large corporate headquarters.

"Want to come along?" the wife was asked. Reportedly, within a single bound, office work, laptop, light snacks and coffee were packed.

Enjoying the comfortable, accommodating lobby, the visiting spouse watched her husband and throngs of other business participants wait in line and have his/her name checked and get their identification badges.

Waiting was easy. Computer work done; informational presentation over. Quickly the couple joined the bustling crowd winding through the lobby, waiting for elevators, then streaming out the doors, down the carpeted corridors and outside into the tiered, concrete parking garage.

When finally driving onto the clear, open highway, a sunny cloudless sky added to the feeling of a successful day with a good, solid, sales and product presentation given by driver for his employer's business firm.

Reportedly, "The couple decided to drive on the thruway. Then stop for dinner. About 45 minutes later they pulled into a restaurant's parking lot. When reaching to release his seatbelt, the driver saw a flaming-red, 'YOU ARE LOVED!' heart sticker stuck knee-high on his left pants leg."

Apparently the conversation went like this: "How long has this been here?"

"WHAT'S been WHERE?"

Gasps. Groans. Over-all embarrassment. "But, maybe it was the heartiest presentation ever?" Side-splitting, knee-slapping, tear-streaming laughter rocked the little parked car.

Hmm. Reportedly, after February heart art can be anywhere.

Cook up some fun this vacation week

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

We all know that kids can be picky eaters, especially when it comes to vegetables. This winter vacation why not spend an afternoon or two together in the kitchen, cooking a vegetable-based dish? If the kids had fun making dinner, chances are pretty good that they, at very least, will want to sample some of their creation.

Among my favorite cookbooks are "Recipes from a Kitchen Garden" and "More Recipes from a Kitchen Garden" by Renee Shepherd and Fran Raboff. Both are chockfull of appetizing ways to use veggies, edible flowers and herbs in all sorts of tasty dishes. Surely the kids will be tempted to try "Glazed Carrots with Mint Sauce." Or, how about the same veggie with a maple and orange glaze? If your kids prefer their vegetables disguised in dessert, these books have you covered as well. Try "Marmalade Carrot Squares," for a rich, chocolaty surprise. Recipes are arranged by vegetable, so you can easily turn to your child's favorite, or least favorite, should you wish to encourage a broadening of the palate. Both cookbooks are available online at www.reneesgarden.com or by phone 888-880-7228.

If you do end up making one of the above recipes, take out an extra, whole carrot and set it aside for the following science experiment. Here you will teach the kids what the term "biennial" means. It's likely that older children with a bit of gardening experience under their belt will have an idea what an "annual" is. Like a tomato or marigold, an annual completes its life cycle (growing, flowering, fruiting, seeding and dying) in a single season. They may even have an idea that "perennials," such as phlox or daylilies return to the same spot in the garden year after year. Although perennials die back to the ground with the arrival of winter, their roots and crown remain alive and send forth new topgrowth come springtime.

"Biennial" has always been a bit more tricky to understand. I like to think of this type of plant as a combination of the above. A biennial takes two seasons to complete its lifecycle. The first year it grows vegetatively, in other words, it produces lots of greens. In year two, the plant will produce flowers, then fruits, and finally, will drop its seed before expiring. Foxgloves and Canterbury bells are popular old-fashioned biennial flowers. Carrots, as well as onions, parsnips, rutabagas and turnips are biennial vegetables.

Plant the carrot in a container of potting soil and stand back to experience a biennial's second season. A week or so after planting, hairy roots will form on the orange flesh, anchoring it in place. Soon, ferny aromatic foliage will spring from the carrot's top. Six weeks or so later a stem will shoot up from the center of the leaves, followed by flowers that resemble Queen Anne's Lace (they are relatives). Once pollinated, seeds will form, that, if allowed to drop to the ground, would start the whole process over again. If children are too young to care about mastering gardening terminology, plant the carrot anyway, they are certain to get a kick out of a carrot "houseplant!"

Whether you cook with your veggies or subject them to science experiments, it's fun to bring the outdoors in this winter vacation.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Task Force Talk

Addiction and domestic violence are separate issues

Each situation should be addressed

By JAC Patrissi
Guest columnist

Recently while training about the intersection of intimate partner violence and addiction, I heard a longtime addictions counselor say this: "in true recovery, intimate partner abuse stops because it is the drugs that make a mess of our relationships."

This is simply not true. While an understandable misconception, it is inaccurate. It's also a dangerous misconception because if you believe that, you might also assume that treating addiction is a sufficient intervention when someone who is addicted also abuses a partner. In reality, both problems — the disease of addiction and the perpetration of intimate partner violence — need responses. These must be separate and distinct from one another.

A range of studies indicate there is up to a 60 percent overlap (Bland 2013; Warshaw & Tinnon, 2018; El-Bassel, Gilbert, Wu, Chang & Fontdevila, 2006) between substance misuse and intimate partner violence. It is understandable why many people incorrectly believe substance misuse or addiction causes violence.

So how does addiction interact with abuse? To understand that interplay, it's helpful to first understand the abusive values framework from the field of domestic violence that I developed over 31 years in the field. We can use the framework to deeply consider the root causes of abusive behaviors and then apply it to addiction in order to better understand the two disorders.

In order to be abusive, a person consciously or unconsciously harbors these beliefs. The words in italics are real examples of how the abuser might express that belief:

1.) I can hurt or intimidate you or misuse my power or show contempt if I feel uncomfortable.

"You shouldn't have made me feel that way!"

2.) I am inherently superior or the male gender is superior or traits culturally associated with "the feminine" are inferior or identities unlike my own are inferior, such as nonbinary, gender expression, age, race, (dis)ability, LBGTQ, etc.

"Don't be such a whiny little bitch."

3.) It is your job to accept me as I am, no matter what I do.

"You knew who I was when we got together."

4.) I have the right to tear you down if you point out something about me that threatens my self-concept.

"Who do you think you are, telling me?"

5.) You must celebrate me, my self-perceived strengths, my growth and change, and not mention how little I have actually changed.

"All that was in the past. It's over. I'm doing great and nothing is ever good enough for you! How long do I have to suffer because of one mistake?"

6.) I can act disgusted and insulted and insulting if you point out significant things that I forget or do not know.

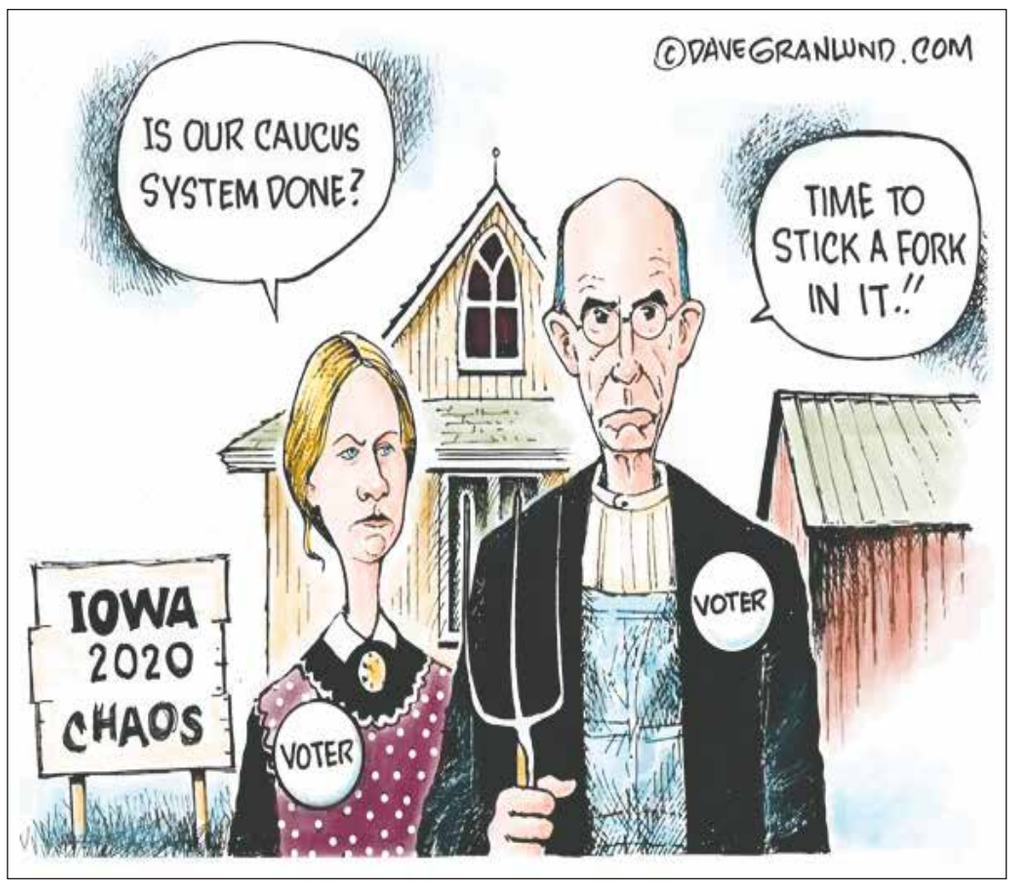
"What the hell do you know about it, anyway? So you're perfect?"

7.) I can establish reality (fact patterns) to my liking.

"No, that never happened. I never said that. You're crazy."

8.) I can be contemptuous or violent if you complain, because I should NEVER be answerable to you.

"I don't answer to you." "What did you say? Shut your mouth if you know what is good for you."



How do these values interact with what we know about substances like opioids alcohol and drugs? Do the chemical processes themselves simply make a person more violent?

With rare exceptions, no. The chemical process of addiction is real and powerful, yet the addiction exists within the context of these values. This means substances either amplify or reveal abusive values already held by a person. In other words, people may say things they would otherwise hold back — but the beliefs are still there, within them.

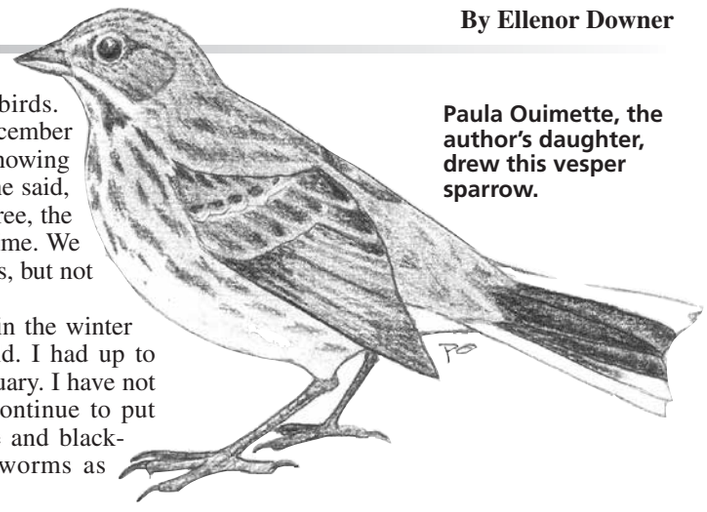
When people maintain the false, abusive belief they can hurt, intimidate or show contempt for a partner if they feel uncomfortable — and they also struggle with substance use disorder — we can anticipate substance use will unleash those behaviors because we know that most stages of substance use disorder produce significantly uncomfortable and distressing neurochemical and emotional experiences.

We know that people in early stages of addiction as well as the early stages of recovery feel very uncomfortable a great deal of the time. We also know that people who hold values that allow them to be aggressive or make their needs superior to their partners are prone to controlling, intimidating or otherwise abusive behavior when experiencing the

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In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer



Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this vesper sparrow.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a vesper sparrow in Hadley. The vesper sparrow is a fairly large sparrow about six inches long with a chunky body. a fairly small conical bill and a long, notched tail. Distinguishing features include a thin white eye ring, streaked breast and white outer tail feathers seen in flight. It is a brown sparrow with streaking.

Since it sings mostly in the evening, it got the name – vesper sparrow. Its song is throatier than the song sparrow. It usually begins with two clear notes, followed by two higher notes. It inhabits grasslands and fields across munch of the northern United States and Canada.

Other western Mass. bird sightings

Other western Massachusetts bird sightings included two Lapland longspurs in Hadley, two buffleheads at South Hadley Canal Park, six common golden eyes at Cobin's Neck in Sheffield and two at the Stockbridge Bowl. People also reported a red-breasted merganser on South Pond in Southwick, a Merlin at Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Northampton, a varied thrush in Westhampton, a hermit thrush at Ashley Falls and Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge and eight Savannah sparrows in Sheffield.

Central Massachusetts bird sightings

There were two lesser scaup seen at the Westborough Wildlife Management Area, a red-breasted merganser at the Wachusett Reservoir and four sand hill cranes in Lancaster. A hermit thrush was seen in Orange and 105 brown-headed cowbirds near Moore State Park in Paxton.

Cape Cod sightings

A western tanager continues at a feeder in Sandwich. There were also rare records of late-lingering warblers. They included a northern parula in South Orleans and a black-throated blue warbler in Wellfleet, both at private feeders.

Bluebirds

A Ware woman emailed, "Up, until this year, we've always enjoyed our short, spring visits from the beautiful bluebirds. This year they were here in December and then in January and now showing us their beauty in February." She said, "Not just one or two or even three, the numbers are five to eight at a time. We have great seed and meal worms, but not caviar."

Bluebirds that visit feeders in the winter are a wonderful sight to behold. I had up to five bluebirds off and on in January. I have not seen them lately, although I continue to put out mealworms. Tufted titmice and black-capped chickadees like mealworms as well.

Mealworms

I also give a handful to my chickens every morning. My Speckled Sussex hen is very fond of them and flies up to grab them out of my hand. All the members of my flock except one like them. The newest member of my flock, Miss Cluck Cluck, does not eat them. Miss Cluck Cluck does not live in the henhouse; she is a stuffed toy chicken of unknown breed that has a place of honor in my house. She was a birthday gift from three of my grandchildren.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

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Vacation week programs at Quabbin Visitor Center

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Visitor Center will offer the following free programs during the Winter School Vacation Week from Feb. 16 to Feb. 22.

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2 to 3 p.m. Slide show: Discovering the Other Lost Valley

– Before the Swift River Valley was cleared and flooded, 23,000 acres were taken along the Ware River in Barre, Oakham, Rutland and Hubbardston in a project designed to supplement the waters of the new reservoir. Three hundred fifty people lost their homes in this project and three villages were removed. Join the staff to learn more about the other lost valley, why it was cleared and the role the Ware River Watershed plays in protecting the water supply of three million Massachusetts residents. Program is best for adults and families of older children. Meet in the Quabbin Visitor Center, snow or shine. Pick up a Quabbin Park map in the Visitor Center and explore trails before or after the program.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1 to 2 p.m. – Slide lecture: Eagles, Loons and Bears Oh My!

- In the past 50 years the Quabbin region has seen the return of many woodland animals in part because of the great habitat Quabbin Reservoir Forest creates. Come learn a little about the history and habitats of some local wildlife. 40-minute presentation. Families of all ages welcome. Meet in the Quabbin Visitor Center, snow or shine. Pick up a Quabbin Park map in the Visitor Center and explore trails before or after the program.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 1 to 2 p.m. Nature hike: Quabbin Park History Detectives

Hidden in the Quabbin Forest are clues to life in the four drowned towns. Join the staff as they lead a search for signs of the past. Meet at the Hanks Meadow parking lot at Quabbin Park. Call 413-323-7221 for directions. Families of all ages welcome. It's an easy half-mile walk. Please dress appropriately for the weather and for a forest hike.

All programs are free and open to the public.Free parking. For additional information and directions, please call the Quabbin Visitor Center at 413-323-7221.

Smola rejects effort to diminish local control over marijuana host community agreements

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola, R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means, is opposing legislation that would force cities and towns to concede their ability to independently negotiate host community agreements with local recreational marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers.

House Bill 4367 would empower the state's Cannabis Control Commission to "review, regulate and enforce" all host community agreements, and to reject certain provisions in these agreements by deeming them unenforceable. Smola voted against the bill, which passed the House on a vote of 121-33 on Feb. 5.

Under the state's marijuana law, which was approved by voters in 2016 and modified by the Legislature in 2017, cities and towns can negotiate host community agreements with local marijuana businesses, which are only effective for five years but can be renewed. The law allows municipalities to require payment of a community impact fee as part of these agreements, but the fee cannot exceed 3 percent of the business' gross sales.

House Bill 4367 amends the existing law by stipulating that the five-year timeframe does not begin until the marijuana establishment or treatment center actually commences operation. It also allows host communities to waive agreements, in writing, with the Commission's approval.

House Bill 4367 now heads to the Senate for further action. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

Hot jazz at Mardi Gras concert, Feb. 23

WARE – Mardi Gras Madness!Featuring the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at Workshop 13, 13 Church St. in Ware. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. Come join the band and ignore winter for a while. Adult beverages, soft drinks and water will be available for purchase.Grab a drink and listen to some hot Big Band jazz. It's a chance to spice it up before Lent. Seating is limited to 90 so come early for choice seating.

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addiction process or the early stages of recovery.

But it's important to understand that it isn't the substance that causes the violence — it's the abusive values.

Where do these abusive values come from? The sad truth is they are predominant in our culture. We are all in a relationship with abusive values somehow, either surviving them or to some degree, endorsing them.

Addiction occurs within the larger culture of inequalities, reinforced by violence. Addiction can be a coping mechanism that helps people survive the impact of abusive values in our culture or in their intimate partnership. It can also serve to numb perpetrators of abuse which then allows them to continue behaving in abusive ways.

With this deeper understanding of the intersection between intimate partner violence and addiction, we can redefine being in recovery from addiction to also include being responsible for interacting safely and respectfully with your intimate partners, no matter what is going on.

If an addiction specialist is working with someone who is abusive in their intimate partnerships, they should seek out help from colleagues who are trained to understand the specific needs of people who are abusive. There is a powerful set of resources that directly support the abusive person's change process. The Department of Public Health lists on its website all the certified Intimate Partner Abuse Education groups are available throughout our state. Groups are free or charge a sliding scale fee. Visit this site to learn more: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/intimate-partner-abuse-education-program-services.

JAC Patrissi is a member the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force, which can be reached at wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com , 413-758-0605, or www.waredvtaskforce.org. She directs the Domestic Violence Services for Behavioral Health Network, and provides training design and delivery for the state Department of Public Health. She is also a member of the Hampshire HOPE opioid prevention coalition run out of the city of Northampton's Health Department.

Ware Public Schools tiered focused monitoring review

WARE – During the week of March 9, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Ware Public School District.

The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may call Sandra Hanig, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at 413- 314-6707 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report with information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/.

Cornerstone Bank appoints Ahmed senior as vice president

WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank is pleased to announce that Al Ahmed has been appointed its new senior vice president of retail banking.

Ahmed joins Cornerstone Bank as a proven banking professional, having accrued over 20 years of experience in senior positions at various Massachusetts institutions, most recently at Bank of America in Boston overseeing the growth of a key retail market. He complements his retail expansion expertise with a passion for delivering world-class customer and employee experiences.

He studied business administration at the University of Phoenix. He and his wife, Shima, and their three children live in Wayland ,and take every opportunity to travel the world and explore new places.

"Al comes to us with a rich background in the banking field and we're pleased he has decided to bring his skills to Cornerstone," said Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "I'm confident he will make valuable contributions in helping us fulfill our commitment to be the preferred provider of financial services in our communities, based on customer and employee relationships built on trust."



Altaf Ahmed

"I am honored and excited to join Cornerstone Bank and continue its legacy of building trust with our customers, employees, and local communities," said Ahmed.

Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster, and Worcester.

EQLT to hold video contest

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust (EQLT) will hold a video contest. People may submit a short video that showcases their outdoor adventures on conservation land. EQLT seeks submissions of short films (1-3 minutes) embracing winter themes, though anything outdoors will do. People may take a video of animals, sunsets, winter fields, icicles on leaves, found mittens.

In recent months, the East Quabbin Land Trust has been overjoyed to see people checking into preserves and taking photographs at Mandell Hill, the Fitness Trail, Moose Brook Preserve and many others.

People may share their finished work with Sophie at youtheducation@EQLT.org.All submissions will be posted on the land trust Facebook page.

This video contest is open to any and all folks, who live around the area. "I am so grateful for nature to soothe my greatest wounds and uplift even more my happiest days." Sophie, 24, (Americorps) youth education coordinator, EQLT.

Formal video submissions for the contest will be due Friday, Feb. 28, though any art or photo/videos people want to make of EQLT properties are always encouraged.

Polish food dinner is Feb. 22

WARE — St. Mary's Church, Ware, will be offering a Polish Plate pre-Lenten Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22, in the church hall. The price of the dinner is $15, which includes a gołombek, pierogi, kapusta, kielbasa, rye bread, coffee, tea and dessert. There will be a cash bar with beer and wine, gift baskets, gift cards and a 50/50 raffle. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at all weekend masses at both St. Mary's and All Saints churches Feb. 15 and 16, or by calling Diane at 413-967-5207, Stan at 413-967-3962 or Sylvia at 413-436-9268. No tickets will be sold the day of the event. A limited amount of "take-out dinner" tickets will be sold. And can be picked up between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Snow date for the dinner is Sunday, Feb. 23, at noon.

Quabbin Visitor Center announces Winter programs

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Visitor Center will explore the many dimensions of Quabbin Reservoir and will have programs on related topics including: "Discovering the Other Lost Valley" on Feb. 16, "Quabbin Enters the Digital Age" on Feb. 23, "Voyagers, Visitors and Home" on March 1, "The National Ecological Observatory Network: Open Data to Understand How Our Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems Are Changing" on March 8, "Fabric, Factories and Fashion: A History of Textiles in the Quabbin Valley" on March 15, "Ticks and Tick-Born Diseases in MA and Across the U.S." on March 22, and "Walk the Milky Way" on March 29 (7:30 p.m. with Reservations required). Unless otherwise noted, the programs begin at 2 p.m.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the DCR Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the Center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come, first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221.

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whether I'll be able to help or contain him. I need you to try even harder to help him before it's too late." There was a collective gasp in the room when Patrissi read he was 9.

Gobi said the State Legislature was working on a bill to make mental health services on a par with physical healthcare, and it would also put the authority in the clinician's hands as to what services were needed instead of under the control of insurance companies.

"There are lot of good hings in this bill," she said, with legislators having until Wednesday afternoon to offer amendments to it.

She also said at Blackstone Valley Regional School District, a partnership had been created with a clinician who has an office in the schools and treats all her patients from that location. That way she is available to the schools when they need her, she said.

The bill would also put licensing clinicians under the Department of Health, not the Division of Professional Licensure as it is now.

Sullivan said his office sees the lack of mental health services for adolescents every day as it tries to divert young people from the court system and find places for them to get help. He said there is a lack of residential treatment centers and there is not parity between mental health and physical health services but there needs to be. He said his office frequently sees families in crisis.

Ware School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo said the district has had an open position for mental health services that has gone unfilled since last summer due to a lack of qualified candidates.

Other issues

Abigail Duda, member of a Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance subcommittee researching how to create and fund a peer addiction recovery center in Ware, asked if there were funds available for such a project.

It was also pointed out that certain grant monies can't be used for recovery coaches, but there are very much in need in the Quaboag Hills area.

Gobi said there might be money from other line items available if it were looked for, but to create a new line item in any state budget is always difficult.

"I can't think of a more deserving area than this one for a peer recovery center," said Sullivan, who said he was willing to support efforts to create one.

Nekr Jenkins also asked about funding for nicotine cessation services for teenagers, who can't access such services because they are not 18. She said since teenagers have started vaping with electronic cigarettes, they need help to quit.

How to submit photos and news

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• Publicity chairpersons are encouraged to send in news about upcoming fundraising or other calendar events at least three weeks before they take place.

We will respond to all email messages received.

If you don't have e-mail, please mail these materials to:

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LOCAL Opportunity IS KNOCKING

STAFF WRITER POSITION

Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of staff writer for two of its weekly publications: the *Ware River News*, which covers Ware, Hardwick and Warren, and the *Quaboag Current*, which covers the Brookfields, Sturbridge and New Braintree.This full-time position is based in our Ware office at 80 Main St. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills or the enthusiasm to develop them.

The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially everything that unfolds in small towns. Assignments will be for both newspapers as well as other companywide publications.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Enthusiasm for community journalism
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced environment

Please email resume and three writing samples directly to Eileen Kennedy Managing Editor at ekennedy@turley.com.

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A night of social media education will be paired with the perfect wine

HARDWICK – Let's Get Social: Chikmedia and Healthy Town Living will be hosting a night of social media and personal branding education paired with the perfect wine from local vineyard, Hardwick Vineyard and Winery, on Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Hardwick Winery, 3305 Greenwich Road. These local businesses are teaming up to shape the future of local female entrepreneurs, while indulging in local, tasty treats.

The social media and personal branding workshop will cover all the basics and share knowledge on the vital components needed to launch a comprehensive, effective personal brand. Trends, demographics and successful tips on how to brand yourself effectively will be covered, along with the ins and outs of the social media platforms that fuel the success of a campaign. The workshop will cover the must-haves for a professional online presence and will teach what types of content works best and where it should be posted to engage more followers.

Healthy Town Living, a partner in this event, crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make them healthier. Owner Donna Holden's mission is to inspire and educate others to live a healthy life by creating recipes that can show the community how to turn locally-grown ingredients into healthy and satisfying recipes. Healthy Town Living will be work with Reeds Country Store and local farms to create a delicious, healthy meal, which will nicely with a glass of local wine from Hardwick Vineyard and Winery for guests to enjoy.

"I am so excited to bring Chikmedia to Hardwick," said Holden. "We have a lot of amazing female entrepreneurs and businesses in this rural area that can really benefit from this type of event. Sometimes we get forgotten about out here in the country, so I love to showcase and remind people to look locally before they go searching beyond for food or services. I also love that this is a wonderful time for our community to come together to network and appreciate what they are bringing to this area."

"This workshop is intended to be for all levels of social media users: those who have just started, and those who are looking to fine tune their skills," said Meghan Rothschild, owner and president of Chikmedia. "In today's world, keeping up to date on the latest is critical to success, and this workshop will do just that."

Chikmedia is a boutique firm that puts an emphasis on female-run organizations and women business owners; offering strategic marketing planning and creative public relations. Started by award-winning women, Chikmedia seeks to improve marketing campaigns, target messaging and create campaigns that reflect individual business personalities.

Healthy Town Living is an online destination for all things, healthy living and eating. Holden, lives an active lifestyle who loves to cook and eat healthy, "real" food. Intrigued by what food can do to a person, and how food choices can influence the way a body feels, she crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make them healthier.

Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Meghan Rothschild at Meghan@chikmedia.us.

Country Bank announces promotions

WARE – Country Bank President and CEO, Paul Scully, announces recent staff promotions.

Kendra Radner, who has been with the bank for seven years, has been promoted from credit officer to vice president, credit portfolio officer. Radner has extensive experience in the credit risk management area and has been an integral part of the credit team. She holds an master's of business administration from Western New England University Management. She also holds a bachelor of finance from Florida State University.

Jennifer Bujnevicie and Laura Dennis have been promoted from regional officers to assistant vice presidents. Collectively both women contribute 34 years of experience at Country Bank; both began their professional banking careers as tellers and have grown within the organization to oversee the retail banking division. Together, they bring a wealth of experience to the retail branches and are focused on providing the bank's customers with exceptional customer service throughout its branch network. Both Bujnevicie and Dennis hold associates degrees in business administration and management from New England College of Business, and have attended the New England School for Financial Studies.

Newly-appointed officers include Dianna Lussier, Nicole Goncalves and Anthony Palano. Lussier has been promoted from risk manager to risk management officer. During Lussier's 15-year tenure with Country Bank, she has worked within various roles, including accounting representative and financial reporting analyst. Lussier holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance and accounting from Worcester State College, and has attended the New England School for Financial Studies.

Nicole Orluk-Goncalves has been promoted from accounting manager to accounting officer. During Goncalves 19-year tenure with the bank, she has worked in various roles, including reporting and business analysis, profitability administrator, loan serving representative and data analyst. Orluk-Goncalves holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Western New England University and has also attended the New England School for Financial Studies.

Antonio Palano has been promoted from loan servicing manager to loan servicing officer. Palano began his banking career with Country Bank 12 years ago as a teller and has grown within the organization in various roles that include collections representative and loan servicing supervisor. Palano has an associate's degree in business administration from Springfield Technical Community College.

Country Bank's philosophy is to promote from within when possible and is committed to providing opportunities for continued learning and development to all of its staff.

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester.

North Brookfield Savings Bank promotes Andrea Healey

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Andrea Healy to chief administrative and human resource officer.

"Andrea provides North Brookfield Savings Bank employees and our management team a level of knowledge and experience that is extremely valuable." said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "She has continually exhibited her dedication to our Bank family, our communities, our customers and to the overall success of the Bank. We are grateful for her commitment and expertise."

Healy, of Paxton, has a strong background in the human resources industry and vast experience in leadership roles. Prior to her promotion she served as North Brookfield Savings Bank's senior vice president and human resources officer and before joining the bank, she held the position of director of human resources at Cutler Associates Inc. for 17 years.

In her new role, Healy will continue to manage the human resources department and be responsible for attracting, retaining and developing North Brookfield Savings Bank staff through meaningful performance appraisal, employee training and recognition programs. She will also oversee marketing and strategic planning for the bank as a whole.

She has most recently completed an MBA in industrial organizational psychology from Anna Maria College. She also holds a bachelor of science in business at Becker College, an associates in business management with a marketing concentration, and has achieved a human resources certification from Becker. Healy has earned designations as a professional in human resources and Society for Human Resources certified professional. Healy also plans to attend law school in September of 2020.

"Change is inspiring and I am looking forward to the excitement that my new role will offer. Partnering with our talented marketing team in the coming year and being a part of our ongoing efforts to be integral to the growth and strengthening of our communities is a role I am most looking forward to," said Healy. "There is so much opportunity to partner with others and lift others up through our community involvement and at the end of the day, that's what our bank is about, helping others. I now have the best of both worlds; setting our employees and our communities up for success by partnering with them in a meaningful and supportive way. Through exceptional human resources delivery, thoughtful strategic planning and community centric marketing efforts, I see an exciting year ahead for all of us."

Healy is also on the Board of Director's for the Worcester Animal Rescue League, the Board of Director's for Rainbow Child Development of Worcester, and the Becker College Alumni Board and Dean's Council. In 2016, she received the New England Human Resources Association Community Leadership Award for her commitment to the community.



Turley Publications courtesy photo
North Brookfield Savings Bank recently promoted Andrea Healy to chief administrative and human resource officer.

Wing Memorial Hospital auxiliary offers seven scholarships

PALMER – The Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is offering a one-year scholarship of $1,000 to students planning to enter the healthcare field.

One eligible student from each of the following schools will be chosen: Belchertown High School, Ludlow High School, Minnechaug Regional High School, Monson High School, Palmer High School, Pathfinder Regional High School and Ware High School.

Applications are available at the guidance department of each school and at the Wing Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and must be postmarked or emailed by March 31.

NEWS BRIEFS

Boar's Head Feast set for Feb. 15

HARDWICK – All are invited to the Boars Head Feast, a dinner event celebrating Hardwick and supporting local charities. The dinner will be held at the Eagle Hill School 242 Old Petersham Road Saturday, Feb. 15 beginning at 6 p.m.

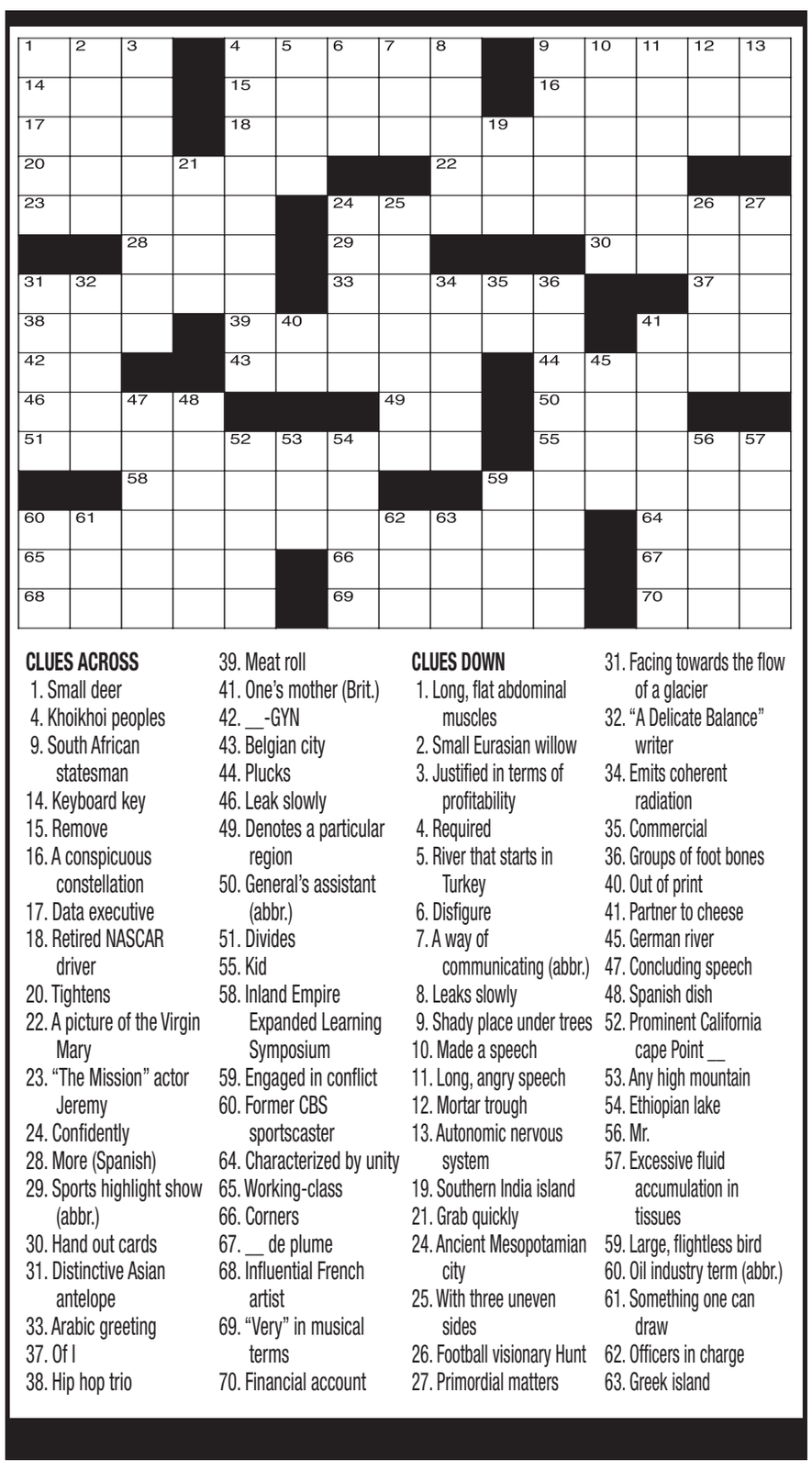
The evening includes a hors d'oeuvres with complimentary wine and beer, a dinner of roast loin of pork and side dishes, dessert and coffee. The Quabbin Regional High School Singers will provide music.

Each year the Donald Boothman Memorial Boar's Head Award is made to recognize a citizen of the community, whose service has made Hardwick a better place to live. The David Huntress Memorial Award is made to a Hardwick student, who exemplifies community spirit and service. All proceeds from the event are donated to local charities. Last year the Boar's Head Feast dinner provided $4,000 to Camp Putnam, Jo's Jackets, The Tri-Parish Deacon's Fund and the Hardwick Youth Center.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for $45, but people should RSVP that they will be attending by contacting Ryan Witkos at rjwitkos@gmail.com or leaving a message with name, number attending and contact information at 413-477-1061.

Turkey dinner to be held on Feb. 24

WARE – The United Church of Ware, on Church Street, will hold a turkey dinner on Monday, Feb. 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Take-out meals will be available from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The dinner will off turkey and all the fixins' including potatoes, stuffing, a vegetable, roll, coffee, tea and dessert. The cost is $12 per person and children under10 free. Credit cards are accepted. For more information call the church at 413-967-9981.



CLUES ACROSS
1. Small deer
4. Khoikhoi peoples
9. South African statesman
14. Keyboard key
15. Remove
16. A conspicuous constellation
17. Data executive
18. Retired NASCAR driver
20. Tightens
22. A picture of the Virgin Mary
23. "The Mission" actor Jeremy
24. Confidently
28. More (Spanish)
29. Sports highlight show (abbr.)
30. Hand out cards
31. Distinctive Asian antelope
33. Arabic greeting
37. Of I
38. Hip hop trio
39. Meat roll
41. One's mother (Brit.)
42. __-GYN
43. Belgian city
44. Plucks
46. Leak slowly
49. Denotes a particular region
50. General's assistant (abbr.)
51. Divides
55. Kid
58. Inland Empire Expanded Learning Symposium
59. Engaged in conflict
60. Former CBS sportscaster
64. Characterized by unity
65. Working-class
66. Corners
67. __ de plume
68. Influential French artist
69. "Very" in musical terms
70. Financial account

CLUES DOWN
1. Long, flat abdominal muscles
2. Small Eurasian willow
3. Justified in terms of profitability
4. Required
5. River that starts in Turkey
6. Disfigure
7. A way of communicating (abbr.)
8. Leaks slowly
9. Shady place under trees
10. Made a speech
11. Long, angry speech
12. Mortar trough
13. Autonomic nervous system
19. Southern India island
21. Grab quickly
24. Ancient Mesopotamian city
25. With three uneven sides
26. Football visionary Hunt
27. Primordial matters
31. Facing towards the flow of a glacier
32. "A Delicate Balance" writer
34. Emits coherent radiation
35. Commercial
36. Groups of foot bones
40. Out of print
41. Partner to cheese
45. German river
47. Concluding speech
48. Spanish dish
52. Prominent California cape Point __
53. Any high mountain
54. Ethiopian lake
56. Mr.
57. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
59. Large, flightless bird
60. Oil industry term (abbr.)
61. Something one can draw
62. Officers in charge
63. Greek island

Top Floor Learning holds monthly game nights

PALMER – Top Floor Learning will hold monthly game nights on March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., at the Palmer Public Library. There is no fee and no registration is required. Participants must be 16 or older, unless accompanied by an adult. Board games and card games are provided or bring your own Scrabble, cribbage, Monopoly, Uno, chess, checkers, Yahtzee, bridge, Skipboo, Crazy 8s, Hearts, Dominos or other games.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to call 413-283–2329, or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

Scout ice fishing derby moved to Feb. 16

WEST BROOKFIELD – West Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 118 will hold its 44th annual Memorial Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., on Lake Wickaboag. It was originally going to be held this Sunday, but it has been moved to Feb. 16.

Tickets are $1 and are available from any Scout. It entitles each entrant to register a fish and participate in door prize drawing. Door prizes have been donated by local businesses and groups.

The prizes are for adults, four $50 prizes - largest pickerel, bass, perch and pout. The prizes for youth under 15 are first, second and third place trophies in each category of pickerel, bass, perch and pout.

Awards and door prize drawings will be at 3 p.m.

Derby proceeds help pay for Scouts to attend summer camp at Treasure Valley Scout Camp.

This event held in memory of Mark Cook, Peter Coulthard, J. Irving England, Michael Higgins and Dick Shepardson.

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was snapped in half and there were wires involved in the accident."

He said at the time of the accident, which happened around 8 p.m., Smith was traveling over the posted 45 mph speed limit.

Smith was taken to UMass Medical Center in Worcester, and O'Donnell reported he sustained a concussion but no other injuries.

The State Police Crime Scene unit was able to obtain Smith's identity, after he attempted to give police incorrect information.

It was discovered he had warrants out in two towns in the eastern part of the state.

He was charged with failing to stop for police, refusing to provide his identify, speeding, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and using a motor vehicle without authority, according to O'Donnell.

O'Donnell said the case is still under investigation by State Police and more charges may follow. Smith was still in the hospital as of Friday, Feb. 7, but is in the custody of the Worcester County Sheriff.

The West Brookfield Police Department worked with theWest Brookfield Fire Department, West Brookfield Rescue Squad, Hardwick, New Braintree, East Brookfield, Brookfield, Warren and Ware police as well as the State Police on the case.

"There were a lot of agencies that helped us out with what was a chaotic scene for a couple minutes," O'Donnell said.

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students to develop the in-demand knowledge and transportable skills to thrive in our evolving world," said Vince Bertram, PLTW president and CEO. "Thank you to the governor's office, the One8 Foundation and Mass STEM Hub for making these grants possible and further investing in Massachusetts's students."

"We are thrilled to support educators across the commonwealth to bring applied learning and STEM education to their schools in a way that has students learning rigorous STEM content and then applying it to solve real world problems," said Joanna Jacobson, president of the One8 Foundation. Project Lead The Way is a mission-driven organization transforming the learning experience for millions of prekindergarten through 12th-grade students and thousands of teachers across the U.S.

For more information on Project Lead The Way, visit pltw.org.

The One8 Foundation propels and supports outstanding leaders with compelling ideas that deliver scaled, sustainable social impact. Education is one of the One8 Foundation's strategic giving areas, with a focus on preparing students for a rapidly changing high-tech world through applied learning and STEM education.

Mass STEM Hub is a program of the One8 Foundation and its mission is to provide schools with access to and support for applied learning and STEM education that builds knowledge and skills students need to succeed in a rapidly changing, high tech world. One8 Foundation and Mass STEM Hub have helped scale Project Lead The Way's K-12 curriculum in engineering, computer science and biomedical science to over 45,000 students in Massachusetts enabling students to learn how to take theory to practice with real world problem solving. To learn more, visit one8.org and mass-stemhub.org.

Go on your own yoga journey

By Sharon Palmer
Certified 500-hr
Kripalu Yoga Teacher



Hitchcock Academy is offering Yoga with Sharon in six class sessions on March 2 and again on April 13. Single sessions of Let your Yoga Dance will be held on March 13 and again on April 10.

My very first yoga class, with Joan Allen at Hitchcock Free Academy (over 25 years ago), was so relaxing I fell soundly asleep in the relaxation at the end of the class. I loved it, but thought I was too busy for regular yoga classes.

A few years later, with three young children at home, I signed up for a six-week session with Jane Anable, who was then the yoga teacher at HFA. I remember the evening of the first class: for some reason (can't imagine why!) supper was delayed, the kids were making a stink because we were having broccoli, I got out of the house later than I'd planned and as I opened the door to the yoga room at Hitchcock, class had already started. I was about to turn around and leave when Jane said to me, "Come on in! There's a place for you right here!" And that was it. Yoga has been part of my life ever since.

What drew me to yoga was wanting something for myself, and how I felt welcomed, accepted and OK just the way I was in our class -- our yoga community. And as a yoga teacher, that's the environment that I do my best to cultivate for everyone. In a comfortable, safe, and welcoming space, we feel more free to settle, to quiet, to see what's present for us in body, mind, and spirit, to explore and allow what's present to be present. All this doesn't always happen the way we might imagine or prefer (does anything, really?), nor does it happen overnight -- that's why yoga is referred to as a practice!

It seems that in our goal and success-oriented culture here in the west, yoga is frequently thought of as a means of improving oneself, becoming "better" somehow: thinner, stronger, more flexible, more focused, calmer, better at balancing, breathing or...whatever. If those are things that draw people to yoga, that's great, and I do find that those qualities are often wonderful by-products of a regular yoga practice.

Oftentimes one's yoga path does begin at the physical level. Then, if we stay with it, and if we choose, the practice becomes deeper, as deep as we are willing to go into other areas of our life. Yoga starts on the mat, and then becomes a part of our life as a whole, which is where the expression "Yoga on and off the mat" comes from. It's inexhaustible, a practice that one could explore for a lifetime and still keep discovering and learning - a truly amazing journey.

I chose to do my yoga teacher training at Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in western Mass, which is where Jane was trained as well. I knew it was the place for me because Kripalu yoga always felt like home, the yoga of self-awareness and compassion. I've completed my 200-hour training there, as well as my 500-hour training and other advanced modules. A 1,000-hour certification may be in my future at some time, although my intention is to explore what calls to me rather than to attain a certain level of training.

The yoga classes I offer tend to be gentle-ish to moderate, with options for those who want more challenge or less because the focus is on self-awareness and compassion, not achievement. The classes generally contain the components of centering, breathing practice, warm-ups, a variety of postures, balance practice, relaxation, and meditation. There is never any "right" or "wrong" way to do yoga, although safety is emphasized, and we all begin wherever we are at -- we all have our own starting point. It's not a competitive practice in any way; one's own experience is the most valid.

I love offering classes to different populations because everyone deserves to have yoga be a part of their life if they choose -- it's for everybody, not just the young, the thin, the flexible, the mainstream, etc. It's also really fun to try different things within the practice; some experiences resonate with some of us, others don't, and the exploration can be really interesting.

Along with ongoing Kripalu yoga classes, "Yoga Nidra" is something I offer every so often; it's an experience of very deep relaxation through guided meditations. One can approach Yoga Nidra with the intention of simply relaxing (much needed in our culture); it can also be a practice of transformation by bringing to mind a "resolve" or intention to cultivate something in one's life, such as connection, health, well-being, patience, or whatever one may choose. It's like planting a seed, and the seed takes root during the practice of relaxation.

Recently I completed a certification in "Let Your Yoga Dance" at Kripalu. The LYYD classes I've participated in at Kripalu's Noon Dance sessions have always been really fun, satisfying, and exhilarating; I realized that it would be a wonderfully energizing and uplifting experience to offer for those who enjoy music and movement, who are curious, and who may or may not be so drawn to a classic yoga class.

We are all natural dancers even though we may not always think that of ourselves. It is incredibly rewarding to see participants smiling, moving, maybe going just outside their comfort zone at times, connecting with themselves and others -- simply having a great time.

There may not be a lot of "regular" yoga poses in these LYYD classes; yoga is about more than the pose, and Let Your Yoga Dance classes are designed to open energy channels in the body and encourage the free flow of energy, just like "traditional" yoga. Dancing your yoga is a great way to enhance body health, brain health, heart health and soul health.

It's important to remember that there is not any one "correct" journey that everyone should try to follow -- on or off the mat. Every person has their own path, and it can be really fun, challenging, and interesting to explore different classes, practices, and traditions to find out what is authentic and fulfilling for oneself -- which may change over time. There are, fortunately, many different yoga/ mindfulness/movement practices available, so listen to your inner adventurer and discover for yourself.

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Hitchcock Free Academy School Vacation Week

Monday, Feb. 17

REMINDER: Students may sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: hitchcockacademy.org. It is located at 2 Brookfield St. in Brimfield.

WEIGHT WATCHERS:Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

ART GROUP: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Students should bring their own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

WATERCOLOR: 9:30 a.m. to noon. For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call 413.245.3295.

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (six classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: $130 per dog. Instructor is Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work.

Thursday, Feb. 20

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

K9 NOSEWORK 7 to 8:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (six classes) Fee:$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork National Association of Canine Scent Work

Friday, Feb. 21

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

K9 NOSEWORK 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (six classes) Fee:$145. Instructor:Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor-National Association of Canine Scent Work

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Quabaog Historical Society accepting award nominations

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Historical Society is currently requesting nominations for the annual Lucy Stone Achievement Award and the Irving and Jane England Award.

Each year, the historical society recognizes its most impressive community leaders and volunteers with these two awards, which are presented at the society's annual April luncheon. The Lucy Stone Achievement Award is given annually in observance of the commonwealth's designation of Lucy Stone Day on March 8. Born on Coy Hill in West Brookfield, Stone worked tirelessly throughout her life to obtain equal rights for all individuals. She was a lecturer for abolitionist and equal rights groups, as well as the founder and editor of The Woman's Journal.

For the Lucy Stone Award, the Quaboag Historical Society requests nomination letters for any person living in one of the six Quaboag Plantation area towns (the four Brookfields, New Braintree and Warren). Residents are asked to nominate individuals whose volunteer efforts have helped make their communities better places to live. The nominating letters should provide a brief explanation of why the writer believes the nominee is deserving of the award. The name, address and phone number of both the nominator and the nominee must be included in the letter.

"For this award, we are seeking nominees who have done an exemplary job of giving back through community service," said QHS Co-President Amy Dugas, who described the motto of the Lucy Stone Award as honoring residents who make the world a better place.

The Irving and Jane England Award, also presented annually by the QHS, is given each year to a resident of West Brookfield who has helped better the community through community service. Nomination regulations for this award are the same as those for the Lucy Stone award.

Dugas and other QHS leaders feel it's important to take a few moments each year to honor those who contribute countless hours to improving their communities.

"Those people willing to put in the time and get involved, and make a significant contribution to the community, should be recognized," Dugas said.

All nomination entries for the awards should be submitted to the QHS by Wednesday, March 18. The recipients will be invited to attend the QHS annual luncheon meeting on Sunday, April 26.

Nomination letters should be mailed to: The Quaboag Historical Society, P.O. Box 635, West Brookfield, MA, 01585.

Nomination papers available

WARREN/WEST BROOKFIELD – Town Clerks of Warren, Nancy J. Lowell, and West Brookfield, Sarah J. Allen, announced nomination papers are available on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, for the annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 5.

Office hours to pick the papers are as follows: In Warren on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, from 1 to 6 p.m., and in West Brookfield on Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Quaboag Regional School Committee nomination papers will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Quaboag Regional/Middle High School Superintendent's Office, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. School Committee positions open are two members from Warren and two members from West Brookfield for three-year terms.

Creative writing and publishing workshop

WEST BROOKFIELD – The fifth annual creative writing and publishing workshop will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield.

Local award-winning author Ed Londergan provides a full day of information. "The workshop will cover the entire writing and publishing process from how to develop ideas, story structure, character development, creation of atmosphere/location, how to put together a chapter, creating authentic dialogue, the flow of the book and how to hold readers interest," Londergan said. "With the great interest local writers have in getting published, I thought it's best to spend more time on that aspect than I have in past workshops. Finding an agent, which is complicated and difficult, will also be addressed."

"The purpose of the workshop is to help those people who want to write but don't know where to start, or have had an idea for a story that's been bubbling in their head for years and finally want to put it on paper. I also help people that have written something and need to know how to move ahead."

The past workshops have been attended by a variety of people of all ages and occupations from 12-year-old students to 75-year-old retirees, all of whom have a story to tell.

"One of the things that past attendees have enjoyed and learned from is the writing exercises," Londergan said, "They write about everything from their favorite holiday memory to their pets to what they had for breakfast." He uses fun writing prompts for the exercises.

"Back-and-forth discussion is always a popular part of the day. Attendees learn from each other. Individual issues or problems anyone is having with their writing are discussed and the group helps them with suggestions and observations. At times, there have been a lot of "that happened to me and here's what I did."

The cost is $95 and lunch is included. The workshop is limited to 20 participants and registration is required. The registration deadline is March 7. To register email ed.londergan@gmail.com or call 508-864-8685.

Rabies clinic to be held on March 14

WARREN – The town will host a rabies clinic on Saturday, March 14, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Warren Highway Garage, 87 Brimfield Road (Route 19). The shots are $15 per person and will be provided by the VCA Wickaboag Animal Hospital. Owners must bring their animal's last rabies certificate with them.

The Town Clerk will also be present to issue dog licenses for 2020. The license fees are $11 per animal, male or female, and $7 for neutered male or spayed female.

All dogs and cats are required by law to have a rabies vaccine. Vaccinating pets against rabies protects both your pets and owners.

Lake Wickaboag announces ice-out contest

WEST BROOKFIELD – Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association is sponsoring its first annual Ice Out Contest. Contestants can submit their guesses for the date and time the ice will leave the lake this winter/spring. The closest entry to the actual date and time will be declared winner. See the LWPA website lakewickaboag.com for details, prize information and an entry form.

Early voting for Presidential Primary

WARREN – Early voting for the Presidential Primary Election will take place in the Town Clerk's office at the Shepard Municipal Building on High Street on the following days and times: Monday, Feb. 24, Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, from 1 to 6 p.m. And on Friday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please call the Town Clerk's office with any questions at 413-436-5701, ext. 3.

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Women's Leadership series starts March 27 at HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute

HOLYOKE - Women leaders of prominent area institutions will be the featured presenters at the spring 2020 Women's Leadership Luncheon Series hosted by Holyoke Community College and the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute.

The four-part, monthly "Leadership in Your Future 2020" series will be held on March 27, April 10, May 8 and June 19.

Each of four presenters will sit at a different table each week and speak on a subject of their choosing. Over the course of the four-session series, they will rotate among the tables so guests have the opportunity to hear all the presentations.

The four presenters are: Theresa Cooper-Gordon, commissioner, Holyoke Housing Authority ("Self-Determination"), Priscilla Kane Hellweg, executive/artistic director, Enchanted Circle Theater ("In it for the Long Haul"), Jody Kasper, chief of Police, City of Northampton ("Rising to the Top"), and

Christina Royal, president, Holyoke Community College ("Leading Through Change")

The luncheons run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St. Lunch will be prepared and served by students in the HCC Culinary Arts program.

The series will provide an opportunity to learn from women leaders of area institutions and a chance for participants to network with their peers and gain insights on building their own careers.

The cost is $150 for all four sessions.

Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Valentyna Semyrog at 413-552-2123 or vsemyrog@hcc.edu.

Mini-golf course coming to Haston Library

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Those who like mini-golf should start practicing their swings now as the Haston Free Public Library will transform the North Main Street building into an 18-hole mini-golf course on Friday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Friends of the Library members and volunteers, including several young adult patrons, are designing and building the course, which will use ping pong balls rather than real golf balls. Six holes will be located on each of the library's floors, and will be designed to reflect the activities and library materials found there.

Some of the planned themes are jungle animals, Dr. Seuss, dinosaurs, space, feature films, the Hastons, sports and travel, just to name a few. Local businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor and or design holes as well.

The library is looking for ideas and supplies such as flexible dryer tubing, green indoor/outdoor carpeting, large appliance or furniture boxes, pool noodles, plastic or metal coffee cans, and those who can donate those items should contact Library Director Dawn Thistle at dthistle@cwmars.org.

The library would also like to borrow stuffed jungle animals and dinosaurs, a world globe, sports equipment and other items to be requested later.

The whole family is invited to play in this fun event. Green fees will be $1 for children up to 12 and $2 for adults. Prizes will be awarded to all players under 12 and for holes-in-one on selected holes.



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Smiling for a selfie are, left to right, Eagle Scout Tommy Moran, State Rep. Todd M. Smola, state Sen.Anne Gobi, State Rep. Don Berthiaume and Eagle Scout Ryan Donnelly at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday.



State Rep. Todd M. Smola awards new Eagle Scouts Tommy Moran (left) and Ryan Donnelly a MA state flag while State Rep Donnie Berthiaume looks on.

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Both also had to complete Eagle Scout projects before even being considered for the elite rank.

Donnelly designed and constructed a bocce ball court at the Ware Senior Center, while Moran created a more welcoming atmosphere for the Ware Public Library, providing two benches of outdoor seating and landscaping at the entrance.

"I wanted to give back to the community because the senior center did not have much of anything at the time and I wanted to change that," Donnelly said.

"Every time I had passed by the Ware Library I had always thought it would have looked better with some benches outside and eventually when it came time to do my Eagle project, that's the first thing I thought of," said Moran.

Flynn was quick to include at the ceremony the completed 13 Eagle projects over the last four years coming out of the Ware troop, which amounted to over 5,000 service hours being put toward the betterment of the Ware area and beyond.

"These scouts make a difference in the community," Flynn said, who is assisted by Committee Chairman Michael Domey in troop activities, mentioning the thousands of pounds of food collected throughout the years as a troop endeavor.

A who's who of dignitaries and special guests were also on hand to present an impressive variety of awards to the new Eagle Scouts including Commander David Anderson, Brian Beck, of the Milltown Scout Council, and members from the AM Vets Post 123, Earl F. Howe American Legion Post 123, and the VFW Post 2577.

State representatives Todd M. Smola, R-Warren, and Donnie Berthiaume, R-Spencer, and state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, offered citations and the Massachusetts state flag to the pair during the ceremony and ironically on the birthday of scouting, as Gobi made sure to point out.



Veterans from the Ware Earl F. Howe American Legion Post 123 stand for the opening ceremony of the Eagle Scout Court of Honor last Saturday.

"We are here to show how proud we are of these two boys and their achievements," Smola said. "Out of the many scouts that enroll, only three or four percent ever make it to Eagle."

As always with scouting, the families were recognized and participated throughout the ceremony. A song recognizing the mother's role on the Eagle journey was enjoyed throughout the audience and later a humorous scout sketch performed by Donnelly's and Moran's former Cub Scout leaders was a fun tribute to how far they had come.

Parents and mentors were invited to the stage, as mothers pinned on the Eagle award and fathers helped with the neckerchiefs and slides. Mentors received special pins of gratitude from the new Eagles.

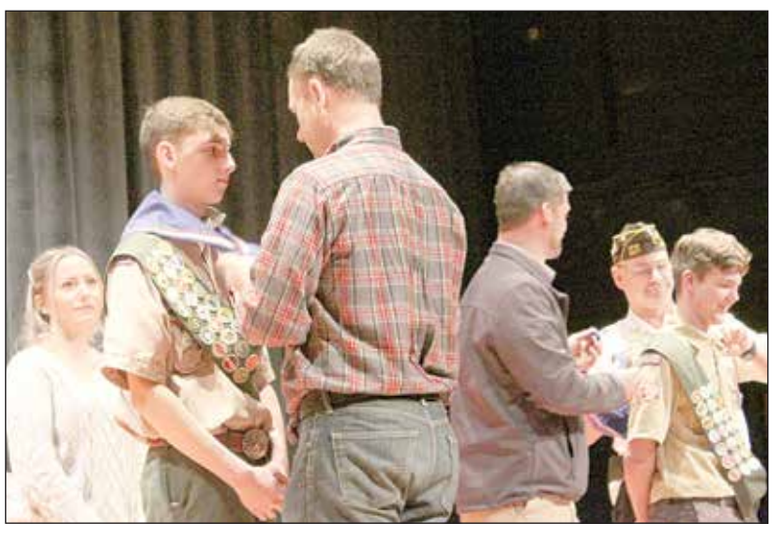
"The ceremony was very emotional because I didn't know if he would stay with it," said Kristen Murphy, mother of Donnelly and his former Cub Scout leader. "I'm very proud of him. He's always loved being outdoors and loved being a leader."

"The ceremony was remarkable," said Craig Moran, father of Thomas, who is actually a Legacy Eagle since Craig also earned the rank years ago. "This was much more of a ceremony than when I received my Eagle. It's made me very proud. The positive influence that scouting has done for my son is wonderful. The goals that he has now – he wants to be an officer in the military, have far exceeded my goals."

As the close to two-hour event concluded, the group was reminded that the Eagle award follows a scout for life – as Michael McQuaid, Ware Eagle 1970 who currently serves as Treasure Valley Scout Reservation Association director, led the Eagle charge earlier in the ceremony, asking Donnelly and Moran to continue to honor the values learned when fulfilling ranks – service, leadership and engagement in their community.



Kristen Murphy attaches the Eagle Scout pin on son Ryan Donnelly while Lonny Murphy observes.



Dads of the Eagle Scouts assist with the Eagle neckerchiefs and slides. Mother Kimberly Moran watches as husband, Craig, helps son, Tommy, while Shawn Donnelly (third from right) and Lonny Murphy help Ryan Donnelly.



Bernie lived with atrial fibrillation (AFib) for years. And then one day he woke up not feeling very well. "They diagnosed me with fluid in the sack around my heart," he explains.

Because of this, Bernie's cardiac care team at Baystate Medical Center could not put him back on blood-thinner medication. So his doctors recommended an innovative new procedure called the WATCHMAN, in which a device is surgically inserted into the left atrial appendage of the heart to help prevent clots in patients with AFib.

Bernie was the first WATCHMAN patient at Baystate Medical Center. "They gave me the feeling, seriously and honestly, that they cared about my wellbeing. I no longer live in fear of a stroke. I can enjoy my life," he says.

To watch Bernie's life-changing story, go to BaystateHealth.org/Bernie.

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Lexie Orszulak finds an open teammate.

Chelsea Orszulak takes control of this rebound.

Indians exact revenge over Cougars



Kiarra Dorman rises to the heights as she goes for two.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE – The Quaboag Lady Cougars and the Ware Lady Indians faced each other twice on the hardwood during the regular season. The home team was able to celebrate a victory in both of those games.

After losing at Quaboag by nine points on Jan. 21, the Lady Indians reeled off six consecutive wins, which includes a 40-31 home victory against the Lady Cougars in front of a large crowd, last Sunday afternoon.

"We've played two very close games against Quaboag this year," said Ware head coach Dan Orszulak. "They beat us at their gym a couple of weeks ago and we were able to beat them at home today."

The Lady Indians, who were trailing by nine points at the end of the first quarter, managed to outscore the Lady Cougars, 34-16, during the final three quarters of the non-league contest.

"We came out very flat in the first quarter and Quaboag took it to us," Orszulak said. "We then switched defenses, which made it a lot harder for them to score points. This win will look very good on our postseason resume."

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Victoria Morgan readies to deliver this jumper.

Tournaments would include about half of state's teams

Editor's note: This is the third of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, it's effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.

Rankings system still unclear

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Tournament Management Committee states that between 46 and 55 percent of teams will qualify for their division's respective tournament in most of the major sports.

But the question on the minds of many Western Massachusetts athletic directors, coaches, athletes, and parents is, how many of those teams will be from Western Massachusetts?

The answer, essentially, is almost as many teams that qualify now.

Now, how is that possible?

Thanks to a compromise during the committee's process of formulating a proposal, any team that finishes with a .500 record or above will qualify for the state tournament. Those teams that are not power-ranked in the top 32 (or 16 in some cases), will get an opportunity to play into the tournament. Teams below the No. 32-ranked team will be seeded lower and have to "play-in" to the tournament through preliminary round games.

What that will leave out under Western Massachusetts' current format, is the ability to for teams that place first or second in their leagues to qualify.

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Keith Smith rules the rebound.



Cam Bilicki releases this layup despite the defensive efforts.

Girls rebound

Pick up pair of wins

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Things seem to be back on the upswing for the Quabbin girls basketball team as they earned two wins last week to South 56-21 last Wednesday at home and Littleton 48-38 last Friday on the road, pushing their overall record to 13-5 (6-1 Mid Wach C).

"It felt great to get back on the winning track," said Quabbin head coach Ryan Burnett. "We had been on the road and it was nice to come back home where we had played great all year."

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Photo by Karen A. Lewis

Panther senior Laney Shampine goes for a point on the line.

Panthers head for Clark tourney

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Two wins, a loss and an invitation to the Clark Tournament. Just a typical week in Panther territory for the boys basketball team as they earned wins over St. Peter Marian (56-53) last Monday and Littleton (62-38) on Friday, but dropped to friendly rival Shepherd Hill 55-47 last Wednesday, with all three games happening at home.

Despite the 5-12 record of Shepherd Hill, the Panthers knew they would be in for a fight, considering the Rams division one status and the tough division one and two teams they play in the regular season.

"Our two schools have battled and competed in both the Clark Tournament and Western Mass. Playoffs," said Quabbin head coach, Dennis Dextradeur. "In recent years, Shepherd Hill's enrollment has elevated then to division A in the Mid-Wach League and our enrollment has fallen greatly, so it has been a challenge to maintain that level of competitiveness and the schedule we had in the past."

As Quabbin only trailed 26-19 at the half, players and fans were not phased, as they have witnessed several exciting come from behind wins this season with the Panthers.

However that night proved the stars were not quite aligned for the host team, despite some peaks that showed promise, especially after the Panthers started whittling away a ten point deficit, bringing the score within four with 7:18 left in the fourth quarter, after senior Croix Jenkins excited the crowd with a quick steal and a big slam dunk, causing the visitors to call a hasty time out to shift the momentum.



Quabbin senior T.J. Chamberlain feels the heat from former Panther turned Ram Iverson Ramirez-Ruggles.

Although the strategy didn't work too well for the Rams initially, as they sent Panthers T.J. Chamberlain and Jenkins to the foul line, bumping the score to within one (38-37) with 6:13 left, Shepherd Hill answered back with a pair of baskets, stretching the lead again to 43-37.

"The length of their forwards matched our size and negated any advantage we may have had," Dextradeur said. "Both Shea (Skowyra) and Croix had to work for every touch of the basketball. No doubt Croix's monster mash dunk got the momentum going our way and helped us go on a bit of a run."

As the clock ticked away, Quabbin got close again after

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Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Panther Dylan Hoekstra gets vocal on the court.

INDIANS OFFENSE TOO MUCH FOR TIGERS

WARE – Ware boys basketball is just one win away from returning to the tournament. The ninth win came in a 61-47 victory over visiting South Hadley last Thursday night. Keith Smith led the Indians with 24 points. Dillon Slattery had 11 points and John Soltys contributed 10 points. Ware is 9-7.





ABOVE: John Soltys gets a good jump as he throws in for two.

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LEFT: Dillon Slattery fights for the rebound.

Bondville Bowling News

By Dave Smigiel

After a tight 7-0 sweep of the Slow Burners, Sandri now sits atop the Central. Strings one and two were decided by seven and four pins before a blowout in the third resulted in a pinfall win by 45. In the opener, Rich Picotte's excellent 129 along with Randy Harper's 100 was just enough to counter Dean Koczur's 108 and Nate Orszulak's 112. Nate came back with a 127 second but it was Randy's timely 116 that put the points in the gasmen's column. Sandri finished with a big 515 third which resulted from singles of 125 by Rich, Randy's 117 and Sean Andersen's 122. Nate with 111, Dean with 100 and John Orszulak with 105 came up short. Rich was tops for Sandri at 350 with Randy at 333 and Sean 312. Nate matched Rich's 350 with Dean at 301.

Meanwhile the Night Hawks took five from the Fans of Kayce Smith. The first would go to the wire after Doug Grigas' 102 offset Mike Nicholson's 122 and Tom Clauson's 115. The Hawks secured the opener as Darryl Sinclair's much needed 120 pulled it out by five. Dave Fennyery of the Hawks tossed a 116 in the middle stanza but Mike's 114 together with Tom's second 115 and James Nester's 112 was too much to overcome. Mike finished with a string three 124 (360 series) but Doug's 108, Dave's 113 and Darryl's 116 was plenty. Darryl led the Hawk attack at 332 with Dave at 320 and Doug 309 while Tom was second best for the Fans at 331. Pinfall to the Hawks by 16 in this exciting match. The Hawks now trail Sandri by half-point with the Fans five off the pace with six weeks remaining in our regular season.

Kibbe's Saw Mill posted their top team triple of the year (1524) which resulted from singles of 506, 511 and 507. Jim Quinlin was the main man for Kibbe's with his team leading 345 trifecta (126, 100 and 119). Dave Burke aided with his best numbers of the year as he recorded 98, 112 and 99 (309). Tony Burke chipped in with a 108 and 291 while Tyler Kibbe added a 101 second. Despite registering a 507 third, the Cannonballs took the points with a 511 of their own. Suzie Czarniecki's dynamite 124 (49 over average) together with Keith Marchessault's 108 did the trick. Keith also tossed a 132 and topped the Cannonballers at 321. Kibbe's took the pinfall point by 107 as they remain in the hunt for a post season "wildcard" berth.

Roll-A-Way continues their season long dominance by disposing of the Narutowicz 5-2 taking the pinfall point by 82. Phil Clough led all league bowlers this week at 375 which resulted from singles of 107, 109 and a fantastic 159 (tops this week). He got help from Dan Josefiak at 365 (115, 116, 134), Josh Lowell at 347 (129 and 127) and Kylie Josefiak with her 108 and 302. They posted a 542 single in the finale. Kelli Trzpit was the Towicz's best with her 109 and 304. Dan Trzpit added a 103 and Cricket a 105 in the losing effort.

The Week Ahead

Ware High School

Boys Basketball

Friday, Feb. 14	**Away**	Monson	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 17	**Away**	Easthampton	7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Tuesday, Feb. 18	**Home**	Putnam	7 p.m.

Quaboag Regional High School

Boys Basketball

No games this week

Girls Basketball

Thursday, Feb. 13	**Home**	Auburn	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 16	**Away**	TBD	TBD
Tuesday, Feb. 18	**Away**	TBD	TBD

Quabbin Regional High School

Monday, Feb. 17	**Away**	Clark Tournament	TBD

No games scheduled

Girls Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 19	**Home**	Belchertown	7 p.m.

Wrestling

Saturday, Feb. 15	**Away**	Central Mass. Meet	10 a.m.

Pathfinder High School

Boys Basketball

Thursday, Feb. 13	**Home**	Smith Voke	7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 17	**Away**	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19	**Home**	Gateway	7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Friday, Feb. 14	**Away**	Duggan	7 p.m.

Wrestling

Saturday, Feb. 15	**Away**	Western Mass. Meet (at Taconic)	10 a.m.

T-Birds fall to Hershey Bears

HERSHEY, Penn. – The Springfield Thunderbirds (26-23-2-0) could not come up with answers after a two-goal second period burst from the Hershey Bears (30-15-2-3), who came away with a 5-2 win on Saturday night inside the Giant Center.

Springfield turned to Ryan Bednard in net, and the rookie had a great bounce-back first period just three nights after he was pulled after 20 minutes and three goals against in Hartford. This first frame was Bednard at his best, as he had answers for all 10 Hershey shots.

His best stop of the night and possibly of his young rookie season came with Hershey on a power play in the closing minutes of the period and Phil Maillet stationed on the back post with a seemingly open net. Instead, Bednard sprawled to his left and got the left-hand catching mitt up to snatch the goal away and get the game into the intermission scoreless.

The T-Birds' power play had two chances in the first 12 minutes of the period to get an advantage, but Hershey's Eastern Conference-best penalty kill did the job on two chances.

Hershey finally cracked Bednard at 2:40 when Axel Jonsson-Fjallby picked up a Springfield turnover on the right-wing side in center and snapped a shot under the crossbar to give the Bears the 1-0 lead.

After Maillet got snakebitten in the first, he got his payback at 9:23 of the second period after Christian Djoos deked into the high slot before finding Maillet on the right post for a tap-in to extend the lead to 2-0.

In desperate need of a jolt, Henrik Borgstrom provided just that for the T-Birds at 15:43 as he lifted a wrist shot from the high slot through a screen and past Hershey goaltender Pheonix Copley to cut the lead in half, 2-1.

The Bears then extended their lead with their first of two power play goals at 3:58 of the final period as Djoos beat Bednard under the crossbar from the right circle to up the Hershey advantage to 3-1.

Alex Alexeyev joined in on the defense scoring for Hershey when he slipped a left-circle wrist shot through Bednard at 12:08. Joel Lowry would answer that goal 35 seconds later to pick up his eighth point against Hershey in six games this season. The goal was Lowry's seventh of the year.

With time winding down, Maillet got open at the back post and finished off a cross-crease feed from Alexeyev on the power play at 16:34 to put the finishing touches on the Bears' win.

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The Lady Indians, who'll be competing in the Western Mass. Division 4 tournament, had a 13-5 overall record following the home win. They've won seven home games and six road games so far this season.

"We've played a very tough schedule this year and won a couple of games against some very good teams," Orszulak added. "We're hoping to continue our winning ways during the final week of the regular season and in the postseason tournament."

Six Ware players scored at least two points in the second meeting of the regular season against Quaboag led by junior guard Aidyn Welsh. She scored 13 of her game-high 15 points during the second half. Junior forward Lexi Orszulak added nine points. She also held Quaboag senior guard Kiarra Dorman to only five points during the final three quarters of the game. Dorman, who scored seven points in the first quarter finished with a team-high 12 points.

"I thought Lexi did a really good job of guarding Kiarra Dorman after the first quarter," coach Orszulak said. "Kiarra is a very good basketball player and you're never going to shut her down completely, but we made it very hard for her to score points."

The Lady Cougars (11-6), who'll be competing in the Central Mass. Division 4 tournament, had won five games in a row, which were all at home before losing at Ware.

"This is a tough loss for us, especially after playing so well in the first quarter," said Quaboag head coach William Beauregard. "They switched from a zone defense to a man-to-man defense in the second quarter. The ball just didn't go in the basket for us during the final three quarters. You just have to give Ware a lot of credit."

It was a homecoming game for Beauregard, who was a member of the Indians boys' basketball team, which was coached by Orszulak, twenty years ago.

"We've scrimmaged against Ware in this gym a couple of times," Beauregard said. "I have a lot of good memories from my days playing in this gym. I'm hoping that we continue playing against Ware in the future because it only makes sense."

Dorman, who has scored more than 1,000 career points, was the lone double-digit scorer for the Lady Cougars. Freshman forward Hailey Samek scored six points and junior guard Sydney Corfey added five points.

With 5:26 left in the first quarter, Corfey buried a 3-pointer from the right side giving the Lady Cougars a 5-0 lead. Two minutes later, a made free throw by senior guard Addy Ford, which were her only point of the game, increasing the Lady Cougars lead to 10-1.

Then Dorman scored the final five points of the quarter extending the lead to 15-6. The only field goals made by Ware during the first eight minutes were a 3-pointer from the top of the key by junior guard Olivia Vadnais (7 points) and a lay-up by junior guard Amelia Bonnayer (2 points).

Despite being outscored 12-6 in the second quarter, the Lady Cougars held a slim 21-18 halftime lead.

Besides playing solid defense on Dorman, Orszulak also scored six points in the second quarter, which kept her team within striking distance.

The Lady Indians, who put-together a 9-0 run at the start of the second half, took the lead for the first time at 23-21 following a Welsh 3-pointer from the left corner with 5:35 left in the third quarter.

"Once we took the lead in the third quarter, we never gave it up," coach Orszulak said. "We executed on offense a lot better during the second half."

The only points scored by Quaboag in the third quarter was an inside hoop by junior center Madeline Nemeroff (3 points).

Ware entered the final eight minutes of the contest with a 29-23 lead.

With 2:50 left in regulation, a Dorman lay-up closed the gap to 35-31, but the Lady Indians scored the final five points of the game.

The two teams could meet each other for the third time this year if they both advance to the Division 4 state semifinals in the middle of March. Even if they don't make it that far in the postseason tournament, both head coaches are looking forward to continuing the rivalry series next year.



Madeline Nemeroff and Adeline Ford zero on of this rebound.



Sydney Corfey follows the ball to the net.



Aidyn Welsh keeps her eyes glued to the ball as she moves though the defense.



Madeline Nemeroff shoots the layup.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com

Olivia Vadnais and Audrey LaVally display their defensive prowess.

TOURNAMENT from page 9

Under current rules, leagues in Western Mass., which are aligned by the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association, send their first and second place finishers to tournament regardless of their overall records. It's a small percentage of the teams that qualify, but it does happen consistently each season.

However, with an expansion to a fifth division for major sports like baseball, soccer, basketball, softball, football, and girls volleyball, the competition might allow for more teams to qualify for tournament.

According to the MIAA proposal, the sports that will have four divisions: Tennis, lacrosse, and field hockey, the MIAA suggests that between 53 and 62 percent of teams in the state will qualify for those tournaments. Ice hockey will have an estimated 62 percent qualify for tournament across three divisions.

There is also a provision in the proposal to allow the sport committee to create subdivisions, such as a Division "1A." However, the parameters how and why that would happen are not clear.

Also still unclear is how the MaxPreps power rankings system would work. While a sample ranking system using last season's soccer playoffs as an example, plenty of Western and Central Mass. teams qualified.

But it is still unclear exactly how MaxPreps would rank the teams in Western Massachusetts, how it would take into account the diversity in the teams Western Mass. plays against with the vast geography, versus the density in Eastern Massachusetts.

The proposal also does not list how many games a team must play to be considered for postseason play. Right now, most seasons average between 16 and 20 games. Lacrossee, field hockey, volleyball, and soccer are known for 16-18 game seasons while baseball, softball, and basketball often play between 18 and 20 games.

One part of the proposal does lay out the home and away situation. It states that preliminary play-in games, and the first three rounds, the round of 32, 16, and 8 (quarterfinals) will be at the site of the home seed. However, all home sites have to meet MIAA standards to host a home game. If a site does not, the home school athletic director can attempt to find an acceptable site, or the lower seed would host the game. In extreme cases, the tournament director will be charged with finding an acceptable site.

Date determined for final vote

The MIAA has reached a decision on holding a special meeting on the proposal. The statewide tournament proposal will be voted on Feb. 28 at a special meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Assabet Valley Technical High School in Marlborough.

PANTHERS from page 9

Chamberlain, Dylan Hoekstra and Connor Geary with a big trey knocked again at the visitors' door with a little under two minutes to play and a one point game, 45-44.

After unfortunately sending the Rams to the foul line, the team that never quits came back yet again when Brendan Whitelaw then scored three valuable points with 31.8 seconds left, to push the score to 49-47.

And that's where it would stay point wise for the Panthers, as the Rams six final points were scored from three trips to the foul line, ironically with former Panther now turned Ram, sophomore Iverson Ramirez-Ruggles scoring the last two points of the night to end with the 55-47 loss.

"Playing against Quabbin was fun, they play tough defense," Ramirez-Ruggles said. "It felt weird being guarded by someone that I've played with so much. Quabbin ran the same offense as last season with a few new plays, their defense was well coordinated and well coached. It was hard for us to score in the half court."

Chamberlain, who had been guarded by Ramirez-Ruggles a good portion of the night, also had a good time playing against a former teammate.

"Ivy's a great basketball player and a good friend and I look forward to watching him progress in the future," said Chamberlain. "Shepherd Hill had a complete team and we had to respect all of their players as scorers."

"They were 100 percent from the free throw line, which hurt us down the end, but being as good of a three-point shooting team as they were, stretched our defense, opening lanes for them," added Jenkins.

Leading the way for all scorers was Shepherd Hill's Cam Hackett with 27 points, with four of those in the last seconds on the free throw line. Panthers Chamberlain, Whitelaw and Skowyra (10 rebounds) all shared top team points with ten each, with Geary chipping in eight and Jenkins with seven.

The end result of a week's worth of effort pushes the Panthers to 14-3 (6-1 Mid Wach C), as they hope for a win this week over Oakmont, which would secure a league championship.

And the excitement doesn't stop there. Next Monday at 1 p.m., Quabbin is back as the third seed in the larger school division to battle sixth seed Westboro (defending Clark Tournament Champions from last year), at the annual Clark Tournament in Worcester.

"The fellas have earned the right to compete in the Clark and will give it their best effort," concluded Dextradeur. "They are a player-coached team and absolutely terrific for our coaching staff to work with. We're going there to compete, have fun and enjoy the experience."



Photo by Karen A. Lewis

Quabbin senior Max Leroux guards former teammate Iverson Ramirez-Ruggles as he looks for an opening.

obituaries

David S. Allard

GILBERTVILLE – David S. Allard, 74, of Gilbertville, died on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at Baystate Medical Center.

He leaves his long-time companion, Margaret A. Allard; three brothers, Lawrence, Jr., Michael, and Randy Allard. He was predeceased by two brothers, Francis and Ronald Allard. He was born in Burlington, Vermont, son of the late Lawrence E. and Stella M. (Lorraine) Allard.

Mr. Allard worked as a plumber and HVAC technician for Larry Allard Plumbing and Heating in Ware for several years, and ran his own plumbing and heating business until he retired.

Along with his brother Larry, he enjoyed participating in Bass Pro Fishing Tournaments throughout New England and New York. David was the only non-boater to make the New York State Bass Pro Fishing Team four years in a row. He was a long-time member of the New York Bass Federation, and All Saint's Church in Ware.



Mr. Allard was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with the 1st Calvary Division. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Bronze Star during his service.

A funeral Mass for David will be held in the spring in All Saint's Church, 17 North St., in Ware. Burial with military honors will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH, 45250-0301 or www.dav.org.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com

Alice Lorraine Demers

WARE – Alice Lorraine "Nana" (Gibbs) Demers, 98, of Ware, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at Vero Health and Rehabilitation Center in Wilbraham, surrounded by her loving family.

Lorraine leaves her daughter, Shirley Socha, and her husband, David, of Ware, her son in-law Ronald Rucki, of Ware; her grandchildren, Glenn Baker, Colleen Vallone, Lisa Fleury, and her husband, Chris, Scott Rucki, Leighann Watts, and her husband, Tim; her great-grandchildren, Amber, Emily and Travis Floury, Olivia and Lauren Rucki, and Anthony Vallone; her sister, Marlene Beauregard, of Ware; many nieces and nephews; and her grand-dog, Grady, who she called "Baby" and she shared her French fries and black licorice with. She was predeceased by her husband, Albert H. Demers; daughter, Nancy Rucki; and three siblings, Blanche Perry, Rita McLanathan and Francis Gibbs. Lorraine was born in Gilbertville, daughter of the late Leo W. and Anna (Magnan) Gibbs.



Lorraine worked for the Livermoore family of Church Street as a housekeeper and was a shoe tender at the Ware Shoe Company for 15 years, before retiring in 1974. She traveled the East Coast from Maine to Florida, smashing crabs in Virginia Beach and enjoying lobster and steamers on Cape Cod. She loved the Caribbean and steel drum bands, Disney and the casino.

She was known to many as "Nana" and loved by all who met her. She would not want us to be sad, but instead have a "shot" in her honor. Lorraine's family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Vero for the loving care they provided to her.

A funeral Mass for Lorraine was held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m., in All Saint's Church, 17 North St., in Ware. A calling hour was held immediately prior to the Mass, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. Burial will be in New Saint William's Cemetery following Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Massachusetts/New Hampshire, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA., 02452 or at www.act.alz.org.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Patrick J. Krol Sr.

WARE – Patrick J. Krol Sr., 51, of Ware, died unexpectedly on Saturday Feb. 1, 2020, in Gilbertville. Pat was born on March 31, 1968, in Ware, and was a lifelong resident of Ware.

After graduating from Ware High School in 1986 he joined his father working in bridge construction, working his way up to bridge foreman. After years of hard work he achieved his dream of owning his own business and became the sole proprietor of PJK Enterprises, a respected business specializing in excavating, screened loam and septic systems, among other things.

He loved his family, a hard day's work, The Red Sox and Patriots, and the extended version of Lynyrd Skynyrd's Free Bird.



He is survived by his father, Rudolph "Rudy" J. Krol Jr., of Ware; his sisters, Brenda Park and Carol Girard, both of Ware, and his brother, Stephen Krol, of Poulsbo, Washington; his children, Mark Martinez, of Boston, Patricia Krol, of Westfield, and Patrick Krol Jr., of Ware; five nieces, two grandnieces and two grandnephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Gloria Krol, and a nephew, Joseph Girard.

Private services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Cebula's Funeral Home in Ware, followed by calling hours at 2 p.m. where the family received friends and other loved ones.

John P. LaFreniere



KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE – John P. LaFreniere, 47, of Keene and formerly of Warren, Massachusetts. died on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

John was born the son of Mary A. (Gagnon) and Roger E. LaFreniere on July 28, 1972, in Ware, Massachusetts. He graduated from Pathfinder Technical Vocational High School in Palmer, Massachusetts, and was a member of the class of 1990.

He was formerly married to, Michelle Moron of Warren, Massachusetts.

John was employed for the last year by J & J Trailer and Truck Accessories in Winchester as a fabricator. Prior to that he was employed at Cook Timber Harvesters in Winchester and Jeff Moulton Logging in Ware, Massachusetts.

He thoroughly enjoyed working on cars and trucks, four wheeling, boating and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Mr. LaFreniere is survived by his daughters; Brandy LaFreniere, Torie LaFreniere and Tara LaFreniere, all of Warren, Massachusetts; his parents, Mary A. and Roger E. LaFreniere, of Keene; his sister, Carrie LaFreniere, of Gilbertville, Massachusetts; his brothers, Roger LaFreniere, of Winchester, New Hampshire and George LaFreniere, of Glenns Falls, New York; and his granddaughter, Haliegh LaFreniere, of Warren, Massachusetts.

In addition, he leaves aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

In keeping with John's wishes there are no calling hours. A gathering to celebrate the life of John P. LaFreniere will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the ELMM Community Center, 20 Durkee St., in Winchester. All services are under the care of Cheshire Family Funeral Chapel and Crematories, 44 Maple Ave. Keene, New Hampshire, 03431. Information can also be found at www.cheshirefamilyfh.com.

Death notices

Allard, David S.
Died Feb. 3, 2020
Funeral Mass in the spring
All Saint's Church
Ware

Demers, Alice L.
Died Feb. 8, 2020
Funeral Mass Feb. 12, 2020
All Saint's Church
Ware

Krol, Patrick J., Sr.
Died Feb. 1, 2020
Private Services Feb. 8, 2020
Cebula Funeral Home
Ware

LaFreniere, John P.
Died Jan. 26, 2020
Celebration of life Feb. 16, 2020
ELMM Community Center
Winchester, New Hampshire

Sampson, Phillip
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Visitation Feb. 16, 2020
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home
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NORCROSS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

2020 Winter Lecture Series

WALES – Winter lectures at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary are offered on Saturdays at 1:30pm. Please RSVP by calling 413-267-9654. The lectures are free; however, attendees are asked that to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to support the local food pantry. In case of inclement weather please call ahead, check our Facebook page or visit www.norcrosswildlife.org.

Saturday, Feb. 15
Sanctuary closed for Presidents' Day

Saturday, Feb. 22 The New Jersey pine barrens at a glance

The pine barrens of New Jersey have long been known for its botanical richness and unique character. With over one million acres of protected lands, this "wilderness" sits within 25 miles of Philadelphia and 30 miles of New York City. Uli Lorimer, director of horticulture for Native Plant Trust, will touch upon some of the conservation work being done within the pines, some of the field work conducted on behalf of the Torrey Botanical Society and a showcase of the wonderful flora that can be found there.

Saturday, Feb. 29
Understanding the fascinating life cycle of native plants

Heather McCargo, founder and executive director of Wild Seed Project, will show you the fascinating reproductive life cycle of different types of New England native plants. She will explain how we can change our landscape practices to support wild plant reproduction, pollinators, and other wildlife. Come and learn about outdoor seed sowing that anyone can do to help increase native plant populations. Growing native plants from seed is a great way to protect the genetic diversity of our native flora and to produce an abundance of plants inexpensively. Be part of a grassroots movement to sow native seeds.

Saturday, March 7
Design-less gardening: a naturalistic approach

Disregard traditional design rules and adopt a new approach to garden design. Look to nature for inspiration. What clues can be take from the landscape to help a site to thrive? Learn to evaluate sunlight, moisture, soil and other factors to encourage a successful garden that does not require many inputs in the way of watering, fertilizing and extra coddling. Dan Jaffe, Norcross horticulturist and propagator, will show attendees how to create a low maintenance garden that actively supports the environment and provides beauty for all-- people and pollinators alike.

Saturday, March 14
You, me and climate change

Climate Change: It's what's for dinner.. Not just tonight but every night for the foreseeable future. Since we know what's being served up we may as well come up with a creative menu to deal with or mitigate the changes to come. Excess CO2 is not the problem; it's a symptom as are the extreme weather patterns. Fossil fuel is only a fraction of the excess carbon in the atmosphere. Trevor Smith, lead designer at Land Escapes Design, will go past the scary numbers and the heartbreaking photographs of emaciated polar bears floating alone on a piece of ice and break out individuals can do. He makes it clear that the power to slow or stop climate change doesn't rest solely in the hands of government and will leave everyone inspired and empowered to take action.

Saturday, March 21
Bare trees and naked shrubs

No leaves? No problem! Boot Boutwell, a freelance itinerant naturalist and educator, will show attendees how to use a combination of branching patterns, bud and bark characteristics, habitat, persistent fruits, galls and marcescent leaves to help identify woody plants in winter. Attendees will use both bud and twig samples to study the subjects. While this is an indoor presentation, there will be the option to go for a walk afterward.



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49 Church Street, Ware, MA 01082
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9:30 AM Sunday - St. Mary's
5:30 PM Sunday - All Saints (till future change)

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Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 AM at St. Mary's
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Saturday 8:00 AM at St.Mary's - Miraculous Medal Novena

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3 Oakham Rd., P.O. Box 202
New Braintree 508-867-3306

The Tri-Parish Community Church represents the communities of Gilbertville, Hardwick, and New Braintree. Our service will begin at 10:00. Bible Study begins on 9/13 at 8:15 am - 9:30am. Choir Rehearsals are at 9am and Sunday School returns on 9/13 at 10:00 am. We are worshiping at The First Universalist Church of Hardwick, 9 Ruggles Hill Rd. Hardwick through December.
All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.
Change of Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - noon. Heidi Jeldres, Administrative Assistant. (508)867-3306 tri-parish@verizon.net.
Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor's office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. debasheps@aol.com or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.
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Reverend John Hamm
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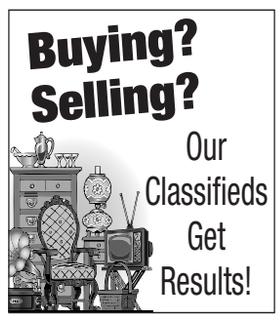
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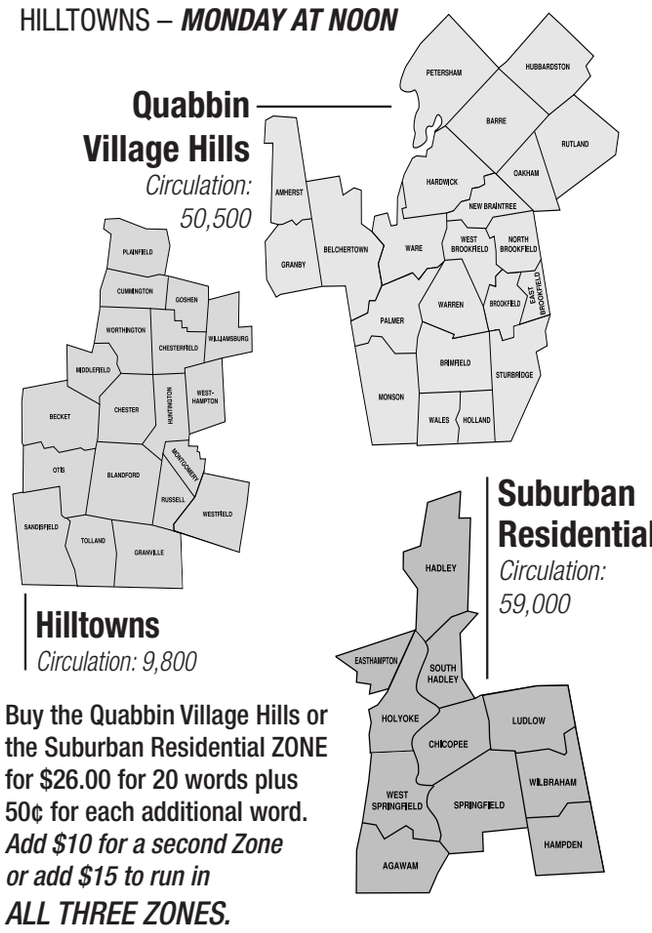
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Behind the Lines in Ware

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

Window shot out by BBs

On Saturday, Feb. 1 around 3:30 a.m. a caller reported someone shot two BBs through her window of her residence. The shots came from outside on the street on Vigeant Street. She reported she looked outside on the street but did not see anyone. Officers dispatched to the scene and located one person who said she didn't see anything about the incident. After asking residents if they saw anything, no suspects could be found. Ware police report it's an open investigation.

Car hit Main Street businesses

On Saturday, Feb. 1, around 7 a.m. it was reported an accident occurred in front of Valley Human Services and the Ware River News.

When Ware police got on scene the driver was still asleep, and officers knocked on the window and he began to slowly wake up.

The driver who was transported to Mary Lane, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Officers report he was driving on Main Street, when he crossed over the yellow line and hit the Valley Human Service and Ware River News. The driver reported he fell asleep at the wheel, snapped a light pole and crashed into the building.

An immediate threat and citation were issued on the driver.

One of the officers there had recently had a run in, asleep in the Cumberland Farms parking lot.

Pedestrian stuck in crosswalk

On Sunday, Feb. 2 around 11:20 a.m., several callers reported a pedestrian was struck by Walgreens on West Street. There was one vehicle and one injury reported on the pedestrian.

When Ware police spoke with the driver, he said he was driving on West street towards Walgreens when he struck the woman in the crosswalk going about 20 miles per hour. He said he didn't see the female party.

There was no damage to vehicle and the woman was transported to Mary Lane with a suspected minor injury.

Hands free driving starting Feb. 23

Drivers will be prohibited from holding a mobile electronic device, looking at a mobile electronic device unless viewing navigation and a device affixed to a vehicle, using an electronic mobile device unless in hands-free mode, according to a press release from the Massachusetts Chief's Association.

Phones can be used in emergencies for help needed, an accident, needing assistance (such as an ambulance, fire or police) and to report a disabled vehicle.

The law doesn't apply to public safety personnel using a mobile electronic device while operating an emergency services vehicle and engaged in the performance of their duties.

The fine structure is as follows – first offense is $100 (non-surchargable), second offense is $250 and a program completion (non-surchargable) and a third offense is $500 and a program completion (surchargable).

From Feb. 23 through March 31, the first offense will be a warning and citations will be issued for subsequent offenses and typing or reading of electronic messages.

Warren Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 2
11:35 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Brimfield Road – Transported to Hospital
11:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Brook Road – Citation Issued
12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Reed Street – Citation Issued
3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Boston Post Road – Written Warning
11:22 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Referred to Other Agency

Monday, Feb. 3
7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Pedestrian/Bicyclist Main Street – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Feb. 4
1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
2:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Brookfield Road – Citation Issued
2:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
2:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Brookfield Road – Citation Issued
5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued
9:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Wednesday, Feb. 5
2:24 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Constitution Avenue – Transported to Hospital
5:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Written Warning
2:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
8:42 p.m. 911 Transfer Palmer – Call Transferred
9:19 p.m. 911 Transfer West Brookfield – Call Transferred

Thursday, Feb. 6
5:57 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Pine Street – Transported to Hospital
11:35 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bemis Road – Transported to Hospital
4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Brimfield Road – Report Filed
8:39 p.m. Traffic Enforcement Main Street – Citation Issued
8:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
9:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Road – Citation Issued
9:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Friday, Feb. 7
9:03 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Constitution Avenue – Transported to Hospital
12:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity Mill Street – Negative Contact
Summons: Thomas F. O'Connell Jr., 35, Warren
Crime Report, False
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Washington Street – Written Warning
4:32 p.m. 911 Transfer Brimfield – Call Transferred
8:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
8:22 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Southbridge Road – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Feb. 8
3:23 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old West Warren Road – Transported to Hospital
3:28 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street – Referred to Other Agency
9:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued

Sunday, Feb. 9
12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Ware Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: John R. McQuaid, 39, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 3rd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation

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Ware Police Log

Thursday, Jan. 30
2:35 a.m. Town By-Law Violation North Street – Citation Issued
2:39 a.m. Town By-Law Violation School Street – Citation Issued
5:55 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Services Rendered
6:25 a.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street – Services Rendered
11:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning
1:29 p.m. Fraud East Street – Services Rendered
8:08 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Services Rendered
9:29 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency

Friday, Jan. 31
2:07 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Aspen Street – Citation Issued
5:45 a.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street – Referred to Other Agency
9:10 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
12:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued
1:05 p.m. Alarm Burglar Greenwich Road – Services Rendered
1:15 p.m. Alarm Burglar Greenwich Road – Services Rendered
3:09 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation Ross Avenue – Services Rendered
4:53 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Palmer Road – Investigation Pending
5:55 p.m. Ambulance Request Elm Street – Services Rendered
6:08 p.m. Assist Other Agency Sorel Road – Arrest on Warrant
6:50 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Under $1,000
9:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Palmer Road – Written Warning

Saturday, Feb. 1
12:18 a.m. Ambulance Request Elm Street – Referred to Other Agency
2:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Elm Street – Referred to Other Agency
3:08 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Pulaski Street – Citation Issued
3:35 a.m. Vandalism Vigeant Street – Services Rendered
7:24 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Services Rendered
7:34 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Church Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over $1,000
10:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning
11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Citation Issued
4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Anderson Road – Citation Issued
4:35 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over $1,000
5:10 p.m. Fire, Report Barnes Street – Services Rendered
6:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Citation Issued
6:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Citation Issued
8:16 p.m. Disturbance Maple Avenue – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

Sunday, Feb. 2
11:20 a.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Investigation Pending
1:17 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over $1,000
8:15 p.m. Fire, Report Highland Village – Services Rendered
8:53 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered

Monday, Feb. 3
12:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation North Street – Written Warning
2 a.m. Town By-Law Violation North Street – Citation Issued
2:04 a.m. Town By-Law Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued
2:09 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Otis Avenue – Citation Issued
10:37 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered
11:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning
2:44 p.m. Fraud Shoreline Drive – Services Rendered
6:29 p.m. Ambulance Request Park Street – Referred to Other Agency
6:41 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Canal Street – Services Rendered
8:03 p.m. Vandalism Bonds Ville Road – Services Rendered
11:26 p.m. Alarm Fire Pleasant Street – Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, Feb. 4
5:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pulaski Street – Written Warning
10:53 a.m. Accident Hit and Run Greenwich Road – Services Rendered
7:50 p.m. Investigation North Street – Criminal Complaint Issued
9:28 p.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street – Referred to Other Agency
9:42 p.m. Ambulance Request School Street – Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, Feb. 5
12:18 a.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Referred to Other Agency
3:05 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Aspen Street – Citation Issued
3:19 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Church Street – Citation Issued
8:05 a.m. Ambulance Request Gould Road – Services Rendered
10:41 a.m. Ambulance Request Gould Road – Services Rendered
5:10 p.m. Investigation North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pulaski Street – Written Warning

Thursday, Feb. 6
3:29 a.m. Ambulance Request Anderson Road – Services Rendered
4:01 a.m. Accident, Vehicle River Road – Services Rendered

Ware Arrests

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

WARE – From Thursday, Jan. 30 through Thursday, Feb. 6, Ware police arrested three people.

Jose Pellot, 46, of 20 Sorel Road, Ware, was arrested on Friday, Jan. 31 on a warrant.

Michael Woods, 59, of 23 Maple Ave, Ware, was arrested on Saturday, Feb. 1, on charges of possession of Class C drugs and defacing property.

A 32-year-old Ware female was arrested on Tuesday, Feb. 4, on charges of domestic assault and battery and strangulation.

Baystate blood drive scheduled for Feb. 18

PALMER – Second Congregational Church will be hosting a Bay State Health mobile blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 2 to 8 p.m., in the church's parking lot located at 1080 Pleasant St. There is always a critical need for blood and every donation is life-saving. Making an appointment is highly recommended and can be done at https://signup.com/go/qdSUHjE or call 413-794-4600 to schedule an appointment for Feb. 18. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Applicants must possess a Massachusetts Grade 5 Operators License and valid MA Driver's license.
Job descriptions and applications are available at the Warren Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2527 Main Street, West Warren, MA 01092 The position will remain open until filled.
Warren is an EOE.

WAREHOUSE, MACHINE OPERATOR and fork truck driver. Call **413-477-6600**

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ESTATE TO BE ASSIGNED FOR UNPAID TAXES
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hardwick
Office of the Town Treasurer Jessica R. Crawford

The Owners of the hereinafter described parcel of land situated in Town of Hardwick in the County of Worcester and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to all concerned:

You are hereby notified that on **March 6th, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock A.M.** local time in Hardwick Town Hall, 307 Main St, Gilbertville, Ma 01031 in the selectmen's meeting room, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60 section 52 and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Treasurer, it is my intention to assign and transfer the tax title held by the Town of Hardwick conveying the following described parcels to the highest bidder at public auction, for all taxes thereon with interest and all necessary and intervening charges of any balance of said taxes, unless the same has been paid in full before that date. All of the parcels described below will be bundled and sold as on unit to the highest bidder. The minimum bid for the unit will be the aggregate amount of taxes, interests and fees due on the accounts for the properties that remain of the list below on the day of the auction. In the event that there are multiple parties bidding the same price, the person recognized first by the Treasurer will be selected as high bidder in accordance with standard auction procedures. All Bidders must pre-register by 3:00 pm February 21st, 2020 (fourteen days before the auction). To pre-register please contact the Treasurer's Office at 1-(413)-477-6197 Ext. 117.

Parcel ID: 61-0-20
Location: 0 Main St.
Assessed Owner: JUDITH P GAUMOND
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/31/2017 SECURING ABOUT 0.306+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 MAIN ST. BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 61.0, LOT 20.0. AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID JUDITH P. GAUMOND
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,574.71
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 63-0-14
Location: 71 HIGH STREET
Assessed Owner: SANDRA GEDENBERG
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/01/2017 SECURING ABOUT 0.43+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 71 HIGH STREET BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 63.0 LOT 14.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID SANDRA GEDENBERG
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 10,488.69
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 63-0-5
Location: 384-386 MAIN STREET
Assessed Owner: JUDITH P. GAUMOND
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 10/31/2017 SECURING ABOUT 0.385+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 384-386 MAIN STREET BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 63.0, LOT 5.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID JUDITH P. GAUMOND
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 33,434.24
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 49-A-4
Location: 133 MECHANIC STREET
Assessed Owner: HOWELL ROBERT A & ANITA
now or formerly
KIMBERLY PAGNONI
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/12/2019 SECURING ABOUT 1.50+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 133 MECHANIC STREET BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 49.A, LOT 4.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID HOWELL ROBERT A & ANITA now or formerly SKIBA REALTY INVESTOR
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 283.35
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 51-0-18A
Location: 66 NORTH STREET
Assessed Owner: RANDALL ALLARD
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 02/05/2019 SECURING A CONDOMINIUM LOCATED AT 66 NORTH STREET BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 51.0, LOT 18.A AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID RANDALL ALLARD
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 2,247.45
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 52-0-25
Location: 47 CHURCH STREET
Assessed Owner: FREDERICK V. FIJAL,
CARL STYCKIEWICZ AND
SHERI L BENNETT-STYCKIEWICZ
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2019 SECURING ABOUT 0.50 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 47 CHURCH STREET BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 52.0, LOT 25.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID FREDERICK V. FIJAL, CARL STYCKIEWICZ AND SHERI L BENNETT-STYCKIEWICZ
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 3,897.29
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 15-0-1B
Location: 0 PETERSHAM ROAD
Assessed Owner: JOSEPH A. &
PAMELA W. BRAZAUSKAS
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2019 SECURING ABOUT 13.707+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 PETERSHAM ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 15.0, LOT 1.B AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID JOSEPH A. & PAMELA W. BRAZAUSKAS
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,719.95
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 10-0-2
Location: 561 THRESHER ROAD
Assessed Owner: KATHLEEN A STILLMAN
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/12/2019 SECURING ABOUT 92.731+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 561 THRESHER ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 10.0, LOT 2.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID KATHLEEN A STILLMAN
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,425.31
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 86-0-11
Location: 0 GREENWICH ROAD
Assessed Owner: LEBOEUF MICHAEL S AND
ROBERT
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2019 SECURING ABOUT 1.648+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 GREENWICH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 86.0, LOT 11.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID LEBOEUF MICHAEL S AND ROBERT
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 983.30
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 86-0-12
Location: 3205 GREENWICH ROAD
Assessed Owner: MICHAEL S LEBOEUF
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2019 SECURING ABOUT 1.665 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 3205 GREENWICH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 86.0 LOT 12.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID MICHAEL S LEBOEUF
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,388.82
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 91-0-2
Location: 0 OFF MINOR ROAD
Assessed Owner: CUMMINGS ALAN G ET AL
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2019 SECURING ABOUT 6.00 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 OFF MINOR ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 91.0 LOT 2.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID CUMMINGS ALAN G ET AL
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 312.94
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 111-0-24
Location: 0 LOWER ROAD
Assessed Owner: C & R DEVELOPMENT CORP
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2019 SECURING ABOUT 1.394 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 LOWER ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 111.0 LOT 24.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID C & R DEVELOPMENT CORP
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 267.91
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 139-0-7
Location: 1040 PROUTY ROAD
Assessed Owner: PHYLLIS A DWELLY
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2019 SECURING ABOUT 110.00 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 1040 PROUTY ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 139.0 LOT 7.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID PHYLLIS A DWELLY
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,355.82
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 71-0-2
Location: 0 GREENWICH ROAD
Assessed Owner: FLETCHER WARNER S
TRUSTEE OF
MARTHA B NIELDS TRUST
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/01/2017 SECURING ABOUT 2.62 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 GREENWICH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 71.0 LOT 2.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID FLETCHER WARNER S TRUSTEE OF MARTHA B NIELDS TRUST
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 507.90
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 61-0-2
Location: MAIN STREET
Assessed Owner: CAROL A HUTCHINS
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 07/24/2014 SECURING ABOUT 1.5 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT MAIN STREET BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 61.0 LOT 02.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID CAROL A HUTCHINS
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 848.35
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 63-0-20A
Location: 61 JOSLYN ROAD
Assessed Owner: JOSEPH PILSUDSKI BUILDING
ASSOCIATION
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 07/24/2014 SECURING ABOUT 0.125 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 61 JOSLYN ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 63.0 LOT 20.A AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID JOSEPH PILSUDSKI BUILDING ASSOCIATION
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 34,361.67
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 63-0-20
Location: 61 JOSLYN ROAD
Assessed Owner: JOSEPH PILSUDSKI BUILDING
ASSOCIATION
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 07/24/2014 SECURING ABOUT 0.875+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 61 JOSLYN ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 63.0 LOT 20.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID JOSEPH PILSUDSKI BUILDING ASSOCIATION
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 61,747.74
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 11-0-3B
Location: 0 BREEN ROAD
Assessed Owner: ROBERTA H LAFLEUR
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/17/2017 SECURING ABOUT 1.61+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 BREEN ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 11.0 LOT 3.B AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ROBERTA H LAFLEUR
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 3,903.34
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 11-0-3D
Location: 0 MELLON ROAD
Assessed Owner: ROBERTA H LAFLEUR
f/k/a ROBERTA H. FALCON
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/17/2017 SECURING ABOUT 1.605+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 MELLON ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 11.0 LOT 3.D AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ROBERTA H LAFLEUR
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 4,237.59
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 47-0-11
Location: 0 HARDWICK ROAD
Assessed Owner: ANTOINETTE LAROCK AND
WILLARD D. POWER III
A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 07/24/2014 SECURING ABOUT 2.4+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 HARDWICK ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 47.0 LOT 11.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ANTOINETTE LAROCK AND WILLARD D. POWER, III
Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 9,668.88
Plus applicable fees

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS14P0175EA
Estate of:
Stanley Parda
Also known as:
Stanley P. Parda
Date of Death:
01/04/2014

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Laurie Sokol** of West Brookfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Laurie Sokol** of West Brookfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/19/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 28, 2020
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
2/13/2020

Trial Court of Massachusetts
The Superior Court
Hampshire Superior Court
15 Gothic Street
P.O. Box 1119
Northampton, MA 01060
Docket Number 2080CV00011
Monson Savings Bank vs.
Clifford J. Scott and Jeremy M. Scott
ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **Clifford J. Scott and Jeremy M. Scott**, all in said Commonwealth; and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemernbers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S. C. App. §501 et seq.:

Monson Savings Bank, 146 Main Street, Monson, Massachusetts 01082

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts known as 9 Barnes Street given by Clifford J. Scott and Jeremy M. Scott to Monson Savings Bank dated 09/09/2009, and recorded in Hampshire County District Registry of Deeds, in Book 9964, Page 328 has/have fi led with this court a Complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemember status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Service members Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Northampton Hampshire County on or before **04/23/2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Northampton , Massachusetts this 23 day of January, 2020.

Harry Jekanowski, Jr.
Clerk of Courts
2/13/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 24 Berkshire Circle, Ware, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **John Wellman and Debra Legrand-Wellman** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc., said mortgage dated October 22, 2018, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, in Book 13108 at Page 56 and now held by Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc., dba New American Funding to Broker Solutions, Inc., dba New American Funding dated June 21, 2019, recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13297, Page 294 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **February 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land was on the westerly side of the westerly portion of Berkshire Drive Circle, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and being Lot No. 54 as shown on a plan of land of Walter Przedpelski by Adney A. Russo, dated June 10, 1972, recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 86, Page 47, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the southeast corner of Lot 55 as shown on said plan, said pin being in the westerly line of Berkshire Drive Circle;

thence South 5 degrees 22 minutes 10 seconds West along Berkshire Drive Circle one hundred twelve and 30/100 (112.30) feet to an iron pin in the northeast corner of Lot 53;

thence North 83 degrees 12 minutes 40 seconds West one hundred twelve (112) feet along Lot 53 to an iron pin in a stone wall and land now of formerly of the heirs of Frederick W. Gow;

thence North 6 degrees 47 minutes 20 seconds East along said wall and land of Gow, one hundred twelve and 86/100 (112.86) feet to an iron pin in the southwest corner of Lot 55;

Thence South 82 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds East along Lot 55, one hundred nine and 22/100 (109.22) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 12,608 square feet, more or less.

Being the same premise conveyed to the mortgagors herein by deed of Corey Tavernier and Juan Santana recorded simultaneously herewith.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated October 12, 2018, and recorded in Book 13108 at Page 54 with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND ($5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for
Broker Solutions, Inc.
dba New American Funding
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868
1/30, 2/06 2/13/2020

TOWN OF HARDWICK
Conservation Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Hearing will be held for a **NOTICE OF INTENT** on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM** at the **Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville**. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Applicant:
Board of Selectmen/
Highway Department
Description of Work:
Road and sidewalk improvements
Location:
Rtes. 32 and 32-A, Gilbertville
Town:
Hardwick

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at http://masspublicnotices.org.
2/13/2020



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Parcel ID: 125-0-26
Location: BARRE ROAD
Assessed Owner: MAGUIRE MARY J TRUSTEE OF WARE RIVER REALTY TRUST
WILLIAM J DOYLE

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/20/2008 SECURING ABOUT 1.4 ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT BARRE ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 125 LOT 26 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID MAGUIRE MARY J TRUSTEE OF WARE RIVER REALTY TRUST WILLIAM J DOYLE

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 20,443.34
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 28-0-3
Location: 44 NORTH ROAD
Assessed Owner: MARKERT PETER B. AND P S JACKSON

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/01/2017 SECURING ABOUT 3.00+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 44 NORTH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 28.0 LOT 3.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID MARKERT PETER B. AND P S JACKSON

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 8,605.58
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 147-0-99
Location: OFF CHURCH LANE
Assessed Owner: MCCORMACK JOSEPH P & CATHERINE

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 07/20/2015 SECURING ABOUT 0.337+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT OFF CHURCH LANE BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 147.0 LOT 99.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID MCCORMACK JOSEPH P & CATHERINE

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 633.99
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 24-0-6
Location: PETERSHAM ROAD
Assessed Owner: CHARLES G MIXTER AND RICHARD MIXTER

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 11/04/2004 SECURING ABOUT 5.9 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT PETERSHAM ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 24 LOT 6 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID CHARLES G MIXTER AND RICHARD MIXTER

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,793.77
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 92-0-43
Location: HARDWICK POND ROAD
Assessed Owner: HEIDI OLSON FORMER OWNERS JODY BENNETT & RICHARD BRULEY

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 01/27/2011 SECURING ABOUT 1.52 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT HARDWICK POND ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 92 LOT 43 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID HEIDI OLSON FORMER OWNERS JODY BENNETT & RICHARD BRULEY

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 18,537.73
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 147-0-55
Location: 131 PINE STREET
Assessed Owner: CHRISTOPHER PODKOWKA

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 02/05/2019 SECURING ABOUT 0.314 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 131 PINE STREET BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 147.0 LOT 55.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID CHRISTOPHER PODKOWKA

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,455.81
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 92-0-12
Location: 39 SUMMER PLACE
Assessed Owner: DAVID B. POULIN JR., AND DAVID B. POULIN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE
OF THE DAVID B. POULIN REVOCABLE TRUST

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/17/2017 SECURING ABOUT 0.13+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 39 SUMMER PLACE BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 92.0 LOT 12.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID DAVID B. POULIN JR., AND DAVID B. POULIN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS RUSTEE OF THE DAVID B. POULIN REVOCABLE TRUST

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 2,168.90
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 91-0-25
Location: 0 GREENWICH ROAD
Assessed Owner: STILLMAN KATHLEEN A & STILLMAN REBECCA

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/12/2019 SECURING ABOUT 1.50 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 GREENWICH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 91.0 LOT 25.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID STILLMAN KATHLEEN A & STILLMAN REBECCA

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 272.26
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 91-0-24
Location: 0 GREENWICH ROAD AND COLLINS ROAD
Assessed Owner: STILLMAN KATHLEEN A & STILLMAN REBECCA

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/12/2019 SECURING ABOUT 6.50 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 GREENWICH ROAD AND COLLINS ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 91.0 LOT 24.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID STILLMAN KATHLEEN A & STILLMAN REBECCA

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 274.82
Plus applicable taxes

Parcel ID: 88-0-12
Location: 3674 GREENWICH ROAD
Assessed Owner: STILLMAN KATHLEEN AND STILLMAN REBECCA

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/12/2019 SECURING ABOUT 29.00 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 3674 GREENWICH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 88.0 LOT 12.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID STILLMAN KATHLEEN AND STILLMAN REBECCA

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 843.02
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 88-0-4
Location: 3689 GREENWICH ROAD
Assessed Owner: STILLMAN KATHLEEN A & STILLMAN REBECCA

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/12/2019 SECURING ABOUT 126.50 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 3689 GREENWICH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 88.0 LOT 4.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID STILLMAN KATHLEEN A & STILLMAN REBECCA

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,275.06
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 55-0-17
Location: SUMMIT ROAD
Assessed Owner: SMITH SCOTT M

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 01/27/2011 SECURING ABOUT .34 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT SUMMIT ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 55 LOT 17 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID SMITH SCOTT M

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 32,913.94
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 131-0-17
Location: 0 OFF TAYLOR HILL ROAD
Assessed Owner: STOLGITIS ANTHONY J

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 02/05/2019 SECURING ABOUT 3.60 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 OFF TAYLOR HILL ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 131.0 LOT 17.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID STOLGITIS ANTHONY J

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 504.63
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 82-0-8
Location: 2744 GREENWICH ROAD
Assessed Owner: ST GEORGE WILLIAM J. AND BEATRICE A.

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 12/01/2005 SECURING ABOUT .68 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 2744 GREENWICH ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 82, LOT 8. AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID ST GEORGE WILLIAM J. AND BEATRICE A.

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 18,634.24 plus applicable fees

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Parcel ID: 86A-0-12B
Location: OLD GREENWICH PLAINS ROAD
Assessed Owner: TAYLOR HEART TRUSTEE TSONTSAI NOMINEE TRUST

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 01/27/2011 SECURING ABOUT 1.88 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT OLD GREENWICH PLAINS ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 86A, LOT 12B AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID TAYLOR HEART TRUSTEE TSONTSAI NOMINEE TRUST

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 14,600.93
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 86A-0-12A
Location: OLD GREENWICH PLAINS ROAD
Assessed Owner: TAYLOR HEART TRUSTEE TSONTSAI NOMINEE TRUST

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 01/27/2011 SECURING ABOUT 1.38 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT OLD GREENWICH PLAINS ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 86A LOT 12A AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID TAYLOR HEART TRUSTEE TSONTSAI NOMINEE TRUST

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 14,731.94
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 52-0-7
Location: 22-24 CHURCH STREET
Assessed Owner: WALSH, STEPHEN G

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2016 SECURING ABOUT 0.86+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 22-24 CHURCH STREET BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 52.0 LOT 7.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID WALSH, STEPHEN G

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 10,981.21
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 11-0-3F
Location: 0 MELLON ROAD
Assessed Owner: JASON L WILK

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2016 SECURING ABOUT 1.745 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 0 MELLON ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 11.0 LOT 3. F. AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID JASON L WILK

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 7,475.77
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 2-0-1
Location: 2259 PETERSHAM ROAD
Assessed Owner: WOJNAROWICZ STANLEY AND MARY

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2016 SECURING ABOUT 3+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 2259 PETERSHAM ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 2.0 LOT 1.0. AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID WOJNAROWICZ STANLEY AND MARY

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 9,069.41
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 125-0-22
Location: 133 PROUTY ROAD
Assessed Owner: WARD GAIL L & WARD EDWIN F

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 06/27/2019 SECURING ABOUT 1.00 +/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 133 PROUTY ROAD BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 125.0 LOT 22.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID WARD GAIL L & WARD EDWIN F

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,719.30
Plus applicable fees

Parcel ID: 110-0-6
Location: 235 RIVER RUN
Assessed Owner: WOJTOWICZ JOSEPH

A TAX LIEN PERFECTED ON 08/12/2019 SECURING ABOUT 1.42+/- ACRES OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 235 RIVER RUN BEING DESIGNATED ON ASSESSOR'S PLAN AS MAP 110.0 LOT 6.0 AND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SAID WOJTOWICZ JOSEPH

Balance due as of March 6th 2020: $ 1,058.31
Plus applicable fees

2/13/2020

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1/30, 2/06, 2/13/2020

Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaws, Sections 3.2.6.l -2 and 5.2 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00PM** at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA.

This Hearing is regarding the application for Site Plan Approval by Trinity Solar for a residential ground mounted 7.56kW solar installation at 78 Miner Road. All interested parties are asked to attend.

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Hardwick Planning Board
Harry Comerford,
Chairman
2/6, 2/13/2020

Legal Notice

The Annual Meeting of Corporators of Country Bank for Savings will be held on **Monday, March 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.** at 29 Stallion Hill Road, Sturbridge, MA for the election of Corporators, Trustees and Officers along with any other business as required by law and the Bylaws of Country Bank for Savings.

Susan Rutherford
Clerk of the Corporation
2/13/2020

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After a pair of losses when the Panthers traveled to Lunenburg and St. Peter Marian, the team was able to rebound and showed why they secured an early spot in Districts when the South Colonels (4-11) visited Barre.

"We worked together, and we noticed the advantages we had over South and used them," said Panther senior Laney Shampine, who scored a game high 19 points, almost as much as the entire South team at 21. "Their defense allowed me to drive and go to the hoop. Also seeing as most of them were short, it created a bad match up, making it so I could go one on one and finish at the hoop easier."

With only six girls on the South roster that evening, a lack of fresh legs most definitely contributed to the overall play of the game.

"South had some quickness and plays hard," stated Burnett. "We knew having the numbers advantage, we would be able to play an up-tempo style game, enabling us to work on our defensive press, trapping and offensive half-court sets."

Leading 30-16 at the half, Quabbin could have called it a day, but welcomed South back for the last 16 minutes of action in the second half. And unfortunately for the visitors, things only seem to get worse.

The Panthers played tough on defense and didn't allow the Colonels to even see the back of the net until four minutes into the third quarter when the guests scored their first points, and then a little over a minute later scored their last points of the entire evening.

Meanwhile, Quabbin went on a 26-5 run, seeing everyone on their roster score at least a point and not allowing South to tally anything in the fourth quarter.

"Every player contributed in some way and we got better that night," added Burnett.

Behind Shampine was sophomore Ashley Leighton who netted 17 points, followed by teammate Kacey McCreadie who sunk four points and the remainder of the team contributing two and three points.

A win two days later on the road against a more competitive Littleton team 48-38, proved to the Panthers how their hard work at practice is paying off in games.

Quabbin senior Olivia Fay earned a team high 14 points, including four three pointers, with Georgia Shampine and Leighton following with ten points each, and Julia Hamel chipping in seven.

"The keys to winning those games were working together, moving the ball around on offense more so we had good looks, and everyone worked really hard on defense," Fay said. "I have been shooting outside of practice and working really hard on my shot. Before the Littleton game, I was not ready mentally to play and Coach Cardwell gave me good advice before warm-ups that helped me gain focus for the game. Having a good focus and a strong shot made my shots go in."

As the team winds down their regular season, this week they have their sights on defeating Oakmont and earning a league championship.

"After this week, we will begin preparation for the district tournament, where all the records don't mean anything," concluded Burnett. "We just hope to be playing really well once the tournament starts. The girls seem to be really focused and working well together with each other and our coaching staff. We are excited for how the rest of the season may play out."



Boxed in with nowhere to go, a South opponent faces some tough defense from Panthers Jordyn Gillon (left) and Kacey McCreadie.



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Quabbin junior Julia Hamel moves like lightning down the court.

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